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READER HOMES

BEACHY HOME
JULES

“It’s easy to get carried away when renovating and blow out the budget. There are so many choices and gorgeous options available! But I think you can splash out on a few things that you really love and then save in areas or rooms that aren’t so crucial. I adore my living room’s custom-made linen drapes but I’m also perfectly happy with the more affordable Ikea versions in the bedroom. Mixing luxury and affordability along with gifts and special things you’ve found along your journey gives a home real character and heart.”

CHECK OUT JULES’S PLACE PG30

JULES’S PICK

“I have these **Merricks baskets** from Satara in my kitchen at the moment as plant pots, but they get used for just about any purpose in any room!”



\$55

COUNTRY
HOME
KATHERINE

“We’ve been in our house for about a year and, although we do have a grand plan, for now our changes have just been little things we’ve done ourselves. I’m a great fan of picking up a hammer or a paintbrush and going for it! The master bedroom was made over in a day with a colour change and new curtains, wall art and linen – it’s a completely different room now without any great expense. If I get half a day to myself I love to move things around – it gives the house a fresh boost of energy and the family loves it!”

SEE MORE OF KATHERINE’S HOUSE PG40



\$39

KATHERINE’S
PICK

“Everyone in the family loves this **Stella touch desk lamp** from Target, especially the kids. I should have bought four! It’s bit of fun and it will look good in any room, too!”

CLASSIC HOME
JANE

“Furnishing a home doesn’t have to be about a big budget – it’s good to mix quality pieces with bargain finds so your home doesn’t end up looking too ‘matchy’. Anyone can achieve this in their home by displaying different-sized objects that have a meaning together, so each vignette you create has pieces with a common thread or theme. I think combining textures with hard and soft materials is an appealing juxtaposition that works well in our home and space, creating an eclectic and relaxed feel that reflects the way we live.”

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE JANE’S HOME PG50



\$89

JANE’S PICK

“I love this **celadon Flourish jar** from Early Settler because it’s more of a traditional ginger jar shape and I also like the motif. It’s part of my blue and white ceramic collection.”



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Home Design
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Pendant 7071640 **\$94.90**

Home Design
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Pendant 7071641 **\$110**

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A CLEANING CYCLE.

TO STOP DRAWERS FROM STICKING, RUB
A BAR OF SOAP OR A CANDLE ACROSS
THE RUNNERS TO MAKE THEM GLIDE EASILY.

HANDY HINTS

HOME SHORTCUTS

Here, we share all the clever tips and
tricks to a happier, more efficient
home – to **make your life easier.**

Grate idea!

If your cheese grater is becoming **blunt**, rub some coarse sandpaper up and down over the holes to sharpen them up. Don't forget to wash the grater after.



DUST, GONE!
Clarity **table lamp**
in Teal, \$29.95,
from Freedom. ➤

DUST YOUR
FABRIC LAMP/
LIGHT SHADES
WITH A STICKY LINT
ROLLER TO REMOVE
DUST AND DIRT.



A small paint roller works well to get air bubbles out when **wallpapering**.



TO STOP SCREWS AND HINGES RUSTING, COVER THEM LIGHTLY WITH **PETROLEUM JELLY**. IT SAVES TIME AND EFFORT LATER WHEN YOU NEED TO MOVE OR ADJUST THEM.



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To keep your BEAUTIFUL CUT FLOWERS FRESH longer, dissolve 3 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons white vinegar per litre of warm water, then fill your favourite vase, ensuring cut stems are covered by a few inches.

NO MORE RINGS

If a cup or glass leaves a water mark on the surface of your timber table, desk or buffet unit (it usually sends the timber white), the best way to remove the marks is to place a clean cotton tea towel over the water mark and with a "cool" iron, gently iron over the mark. The heat will draw the water out of the timber and the surface will return like new. H•





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HIGH | LOW

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It's your call with these cool homewares.

SAND & SEA
The Paradis round
towel, 150cm, \$110,
from The Beach People.

High

Low

PATTERN
PERFECTION
Ida round
towel, 150cm,
\$89, from
Freedom.

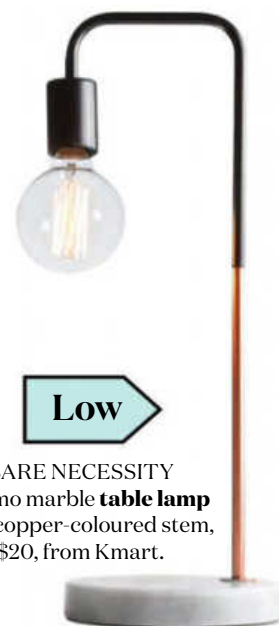
IN THE ROUND

Colour hit: indigo Round oversized beach towels in deep blue prints are practical as well as perfect for hanging on hooks to display.



High

ROUND THE BEND
Metro steel and
marble **table lamp**,
\$149, from Freedom.



Low

BARE NECESSITY
Marmo marble **table lamp**
with copper-coloured stem,
\$20, from Kmart.

LIGHT FANTASTIC

Try it: bare bulbs Give lampshades the flick in favour of this modern look, featuring marble, metal and an exposed light bulb.



Low

SUPER STORAGE
Collapsible
polyester **hamper**,
\$10, from Kmart.

High

NATURALLY NICE
Ferm Living "Half
Moon" organic cotton
and leather **storage
basket**, \$130, from
Norsu Interiors.

HANDY HAMPERS

Trend: geo prints Refresh the basics in your bedroom with hampers in half-moon prints, finished with leather (or leather-look) handles.



High

A MATTER OF TIME
Marcella marble **clock**,
\$59.95, from Freedom.

Low

WATCH THE CLOCK
Lisa T marble-look
clock, \$29, from Target.

MODERN MARBLE

Decorate: marble Get the marble look at home without a steep investment with marble accessories, like these fab wall clocks. »



Low

METAL MAGIC
Manhattan copper-coloured
table, \$29, from Kmart.

High

NEXT TO YOU
Home Republic "Pippin"
metal **side table** in Copper,
\$169.95, from Adairs.



BY YOUR SIDE

Accent with: copper-coloured side tables Team one of these metallic beauties with a bed, chair or sofa for an instant hit of glam.



Low

TOUCH OF CLASS
Marble-effect soap
dispenser, \$5, from Kmart.

MONO MARVEL
Loft marble soap **pump**,
\$44.95, from Country Road.

High



PUMP IT UP

Decorate: luxe Say goodbye to slippery soap bars and clean up your bathroom act with liquid dispensers that have the look of luxury.

High

COOL GREY
Home Republic
"Santona" cotton moss-
stitch **cushion** in Grey
Marle \$41.95, from
Adairs.



Low

KNIT ONE
Picardy
cotton
cushion in
Dark Grey,
\$20, from
Target.

KNIT PICKS

Try this texture: knitted Up the snuggle factor with cosy couch accessories in this season's hottest texture.



High

DOUBLE DUTY
Menu
"Copper Wire"
powdercoated
steel **bin**,
\$190, from
Urban Couture.

STORAGE PLUS
Large metal wire
basket, \$19.95,
from H&M.

Low



WIRE WOW

Trend: clean lines Try an understated look with copper wire baskets. Add cloth bag inserts to turn baskets into laundry hampers. **H+**



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ART DECO DISH
Barcart golden
bar tray, \$59.95,
from Domayne.



In the spirit
Use a trolley
to display
your liquor
collection.

Take it outside
Try a cart to serve
drinks on the deck.



NICE
WHEELS
Råskog
trolley, \$79,
from Ikea.



SO FANCY
Ritz 3-tier drinks
trolley, \$289,
from Freedom.



NOT STIRRED
Cocktail shaker
glass with green
dots, \$15, from
Wheel & Barrow.

NICE SHOT!
Bar Shooter shot glass, \$11.95 for 6,
from Maxwell & Williams.



Classy glass
Show off your
special glassware.

TREND ALERT

WINE CARTS

James Treble talks us through the look we are loving this month.

THEY SAY EVERYTHING moves in cycles, and trends can be like that! But the big one that is back to stay is the home wine cart. Think Hollywood glamour, drinks out on the verandah, mixing a cocktail – it's about a lifestyle and taking time out to enjoy with family and friends.

There are some great wine carts available in stores so hunt around but if you want that vintage look, then

it's off to the garage sales and second-hand stores, or perhaps Grandma has one in her back room.

It's a great way to display some interesting bottles. Try adding some cocktail umbrellas or fancy straws to give your drinks that special touch. Glass shelves look perfect and are easy to clean, and a second shelf is great for your glasses and, of course, you'll need a cocktail shaker! **H+**



METAL MAGIC
Savoy 3-tier
kitchen trolley,
\$249, from
Freedom.

EXPERT ADVICE

GRITTY PRETTY

Stylist Jackie Brown teams up with **Super Amart** this month to show us how to style a spacious warehouse loft with a feminine touch.

"This sleeping area has a strong industrial look but still manages to be warm and welcoming."

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**SMART
STYLING**
with Super Amart



1. City2 3-door 3-tier **bookcase**, \$599.95.
2. Trillian queen **bed**, \$999. 3. Rocket **stool** (46cm), \$44.95.

METALLIC FINISH

White Knight
Metal Guard paint
in **Silver**.

PRETTY IN PINK

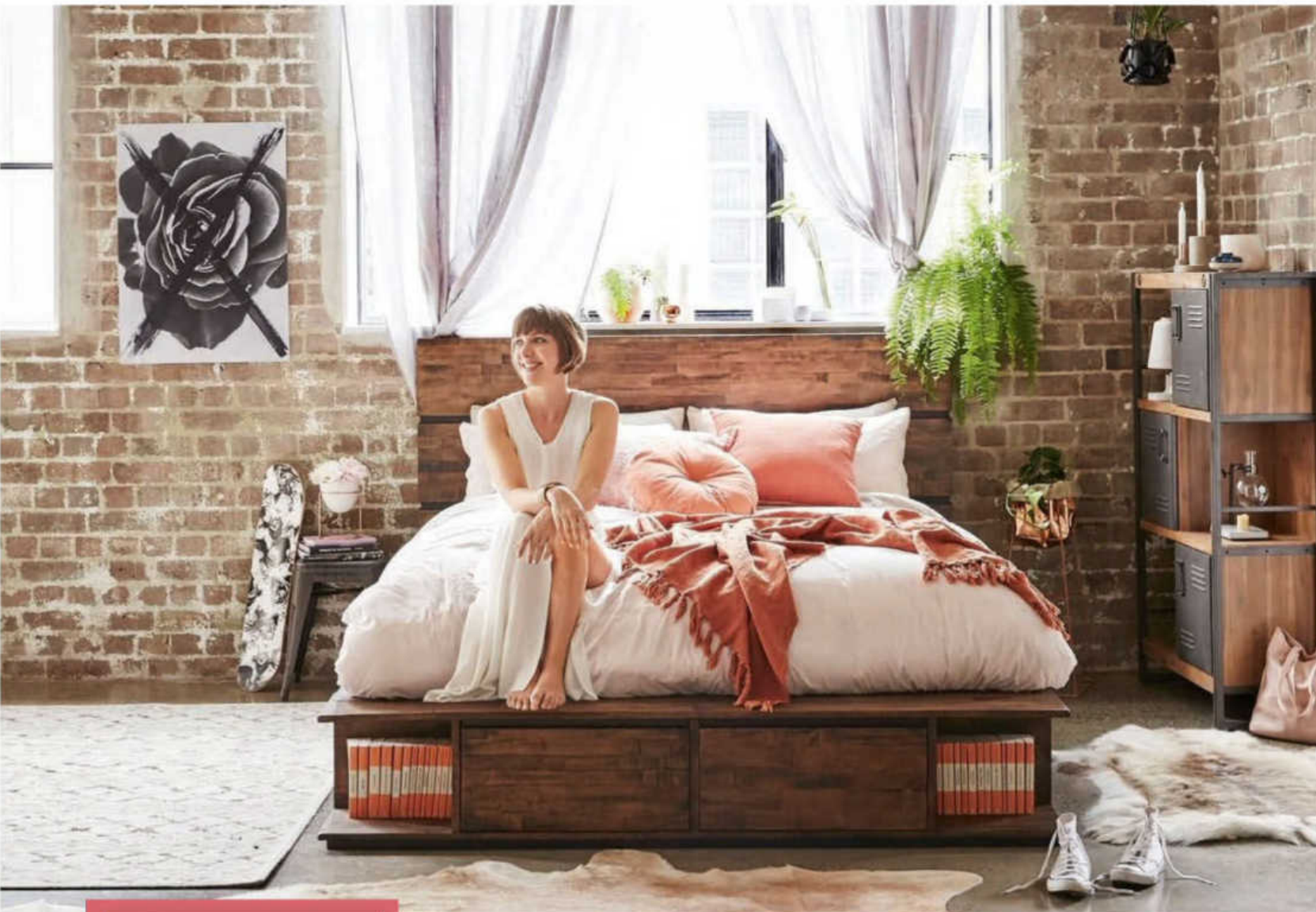
Murobond
Aqua Satin paint
in **Jewel**.

SOFT TOUCH

Dulux Wash & Wear
low-sheen paint
in **English Rose**.

SPICE IT UP

Haymes Elite
Interior paint
in **Deep Forest**.



STYLING TIPS

- Break big spaces up into zones by using rugs to help section off different areas.
- Soften hard edges with sheer and textured fabric choices.
- Functionality is key. Use multi-purpose pieces where possible, such as a stool as a side table.

WAREHOUSE STYLING can look cool and inviting all at once when stylist Jackie Brown has her way. Here's how to recreate this charming and restful sleeping space.

STEP ONE Start with a large bed. You want something that will look and feel solid and won't get lost in an open space. The Trillian queen bed fits the bill perfectly – the timber works well with the industrial look, plus there's plenty of built-in storage and shelving underneath.

STEP TWO The feminine part of this style comes in with the bedlinen and soft furnishings. I've gone with

dusty light-pink shades and deeper hues of rose blush and rust. Choose soft fabrics with fine textures; sheer curtains have a softening effect, as do the hide rugs on the concrete floor and the velvet cushions.

STEP THREE Don't shy away from adding in pieces that can provide more room to stow away your bedding, toiletries and clothes. The City2 bookcase has a mix of closed cabinets and open shelves and is an ideal addition for extra storage.

STEP FOUR Accessorise! Pieces with metal finishes, including copper, iron or brass, will work well with this look.

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BARGAIN BUYS

SHOPPING

(GET THE LOOK)

THE PERFECT ACCENTS

FROM BACK **Gitte cushion cover** in Multicolour (50cm), \$5, Ikea. Panama outdoor **cushion** in Ceramic/White (50cm), \$29.95, Bed Bath N' Table. Madison **frame** in Oak (23cm x 28cm), \$24.95, Freedom.

**BUDGET
BUYS
UNDER \$100
FOR YOUR
HOME!**

Changing rooms

Sometimes all you need to freshen up your interior is a few new home accessories like these cushions and frame. Flip the page to see more bargain buys in three decor styles. >

Living



'50s INSPIRED
Mid-Century glass **vase** in Blue,
from \$39.95, from West Elm.

BEST
BUY
\$15



TILE PRINT
Rapee "Vera" **cushion** in Blue
(43cm), \$15, from Spotlight.



SERVES YOU RIGHT
White Rim lacquer square **tray** in
Thai Blue (30cm), \$44, from West Elm.

BEST
BUY
\$40



VERSATILE PIECE
Geo multi-use **table** (90cm x 50cm x
40cm), \$40, from Fantastic Furniture.



THINK INSIDE THE BOX
Rectangular **storage/gift box** in Copper,
\$9.95, from Howards Storage World.



COUNTRY TRADITION
Devon **table lamp** in Ebony, \$49.95,
from Beacon Lighting.



BOLD AS BRASS
Metal **photo frame**, \$14.95,
from H&M.

BEST
BUY
\$28



SUBTLE STYLE
Amalfi **cushion** in Natural, \$28,
from Manchester Warehouse.



UNDER COVER
Cloche with timber base,
\$34.95, from Freedom.



NATURAL DESIGN
Citta Design "Acacia Oval"
bowl, \$32, from Proforma.



BLUE LIGHT
Onsen **table lamp** in Teal,
\$69, from Fantastic Furniture.



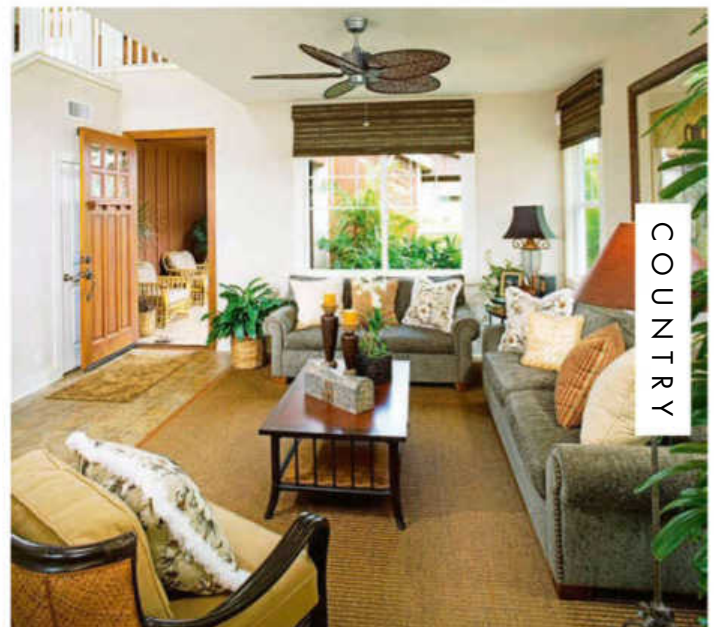
BEACHY



KNIT PICK
Knitted **cushion** in Metallic
(43cm), \$12, from Kmart.



ON A PEDESTAL
Kaveen **candle holder**, \$29.95,
from Super Amart.



COUNTRY



OTTOMAN EMPIRE
Casa Uno collapsible storage **ottoman**,
\$77.95, from Zizo. »



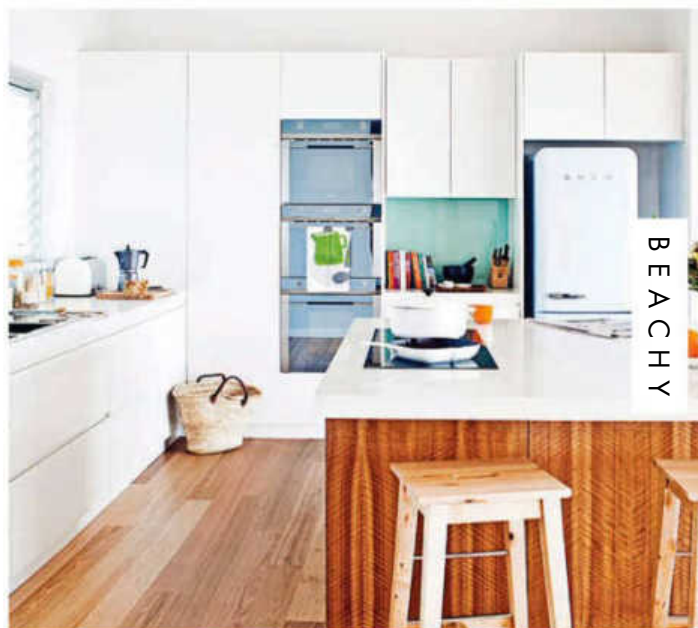
CLASSIC

Kitchen



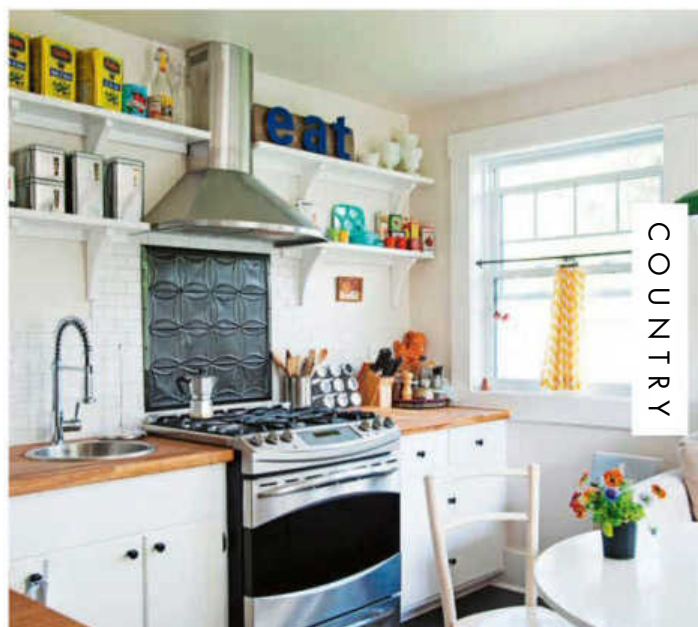
HOT CUPPA
Bevande **mug** in Jaffa Intorno,
\$4.95, from The Good Guys.

NICE 'N' TOASTY
4-slice **toaster** in White,
\$39, from Kmart.



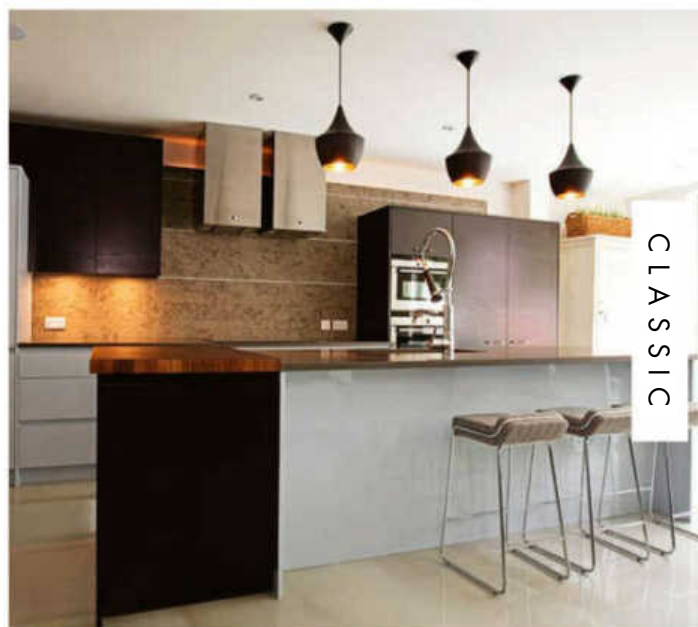
VINTAGE VIBES
1L glass **bottle** in Brown,
\$2, from Kmart.

ON TAP
Ikonic pin-lever **sink mixer**,
\$89.25, from Bunnings.



SIMPLE STYLE
Glenn **bar stool** in White
(66cm), \$95, from Ikea.

GOLDEN INTERIOR
Verve Design "Saja" **pendant lamp**
in Black, \$69.98, from Bunnings.



Bathroom

**BEST
BUY
\$93**



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CLEAN WHITE
Mondella Square Vitreous
China Rococo **basin**, \$93,
from Bunnings.

UPON REFLECTION
Double-sided make-up **mirror**, \$45.95,
from Howards Storage World.



BEACHY



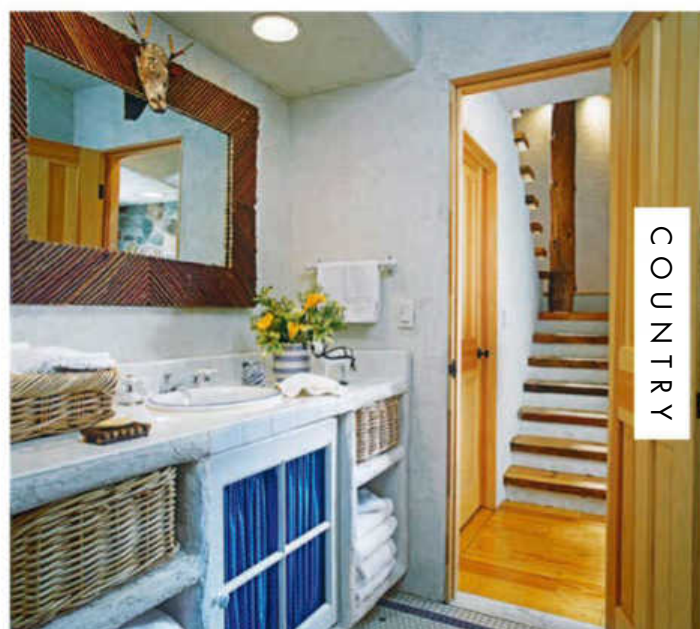
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WHAT'S IN STORE
Small water hyacinth
storage basket, \$8, from
Howards Storage World.

GOING GREY
Home Republic "Flinders"
Egyptian **hand towel** in Grey
Marle, \$10.75, from Adairs.



COUNTRY



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BE MY GUEST
2-pack **guest towels** in Light
Grey, \$9.95, from H&M.

SEE-THROUGH STYLE
Claude **vase**, \$49.95,
from Freedom. >



CLASSIC

Bedroom



FRILLY BUSINESS
Cha Cha **cushion** in Aqua (45cm),
\$29.95, from Super Amart.



HOLD-ALL
Round **pot** in Sky (14.5cm x 15cm),
\$29, from Zakkia.



RAW FINISH
Tadao **wall lamp** in Concrete/Matte
White, \$99.95, from Beacon Lighting.



HANDMADE MUG
Raw Oversize **mug** in Grey,
\$35, from Zakkia.



COUNTRY ELEGANCE
Sari small **table lamp** in Antique
Silver with White shade, \$99.95,
from Beacon Lighting.



RUSTIC STORAGE
Walton **basket**, \$49.95,
from Freedom.

**BEST
BUY
\$49.95**



ON THE SIDE
Infinity **bedside table** in White,
\$99, from Fantastic Furniture.



SOFT LIGHTING
Årstad nickel-plated **wall lamp**,
\$24.99, from Ikea.

**BEST
BUY
\$24.99**



CLASSIC PRINT
L'Avenue Herringbone **cushion** in Natural
(43cm), \$19.95, from Harvey Norman.



**BEST
BUY
\$39**



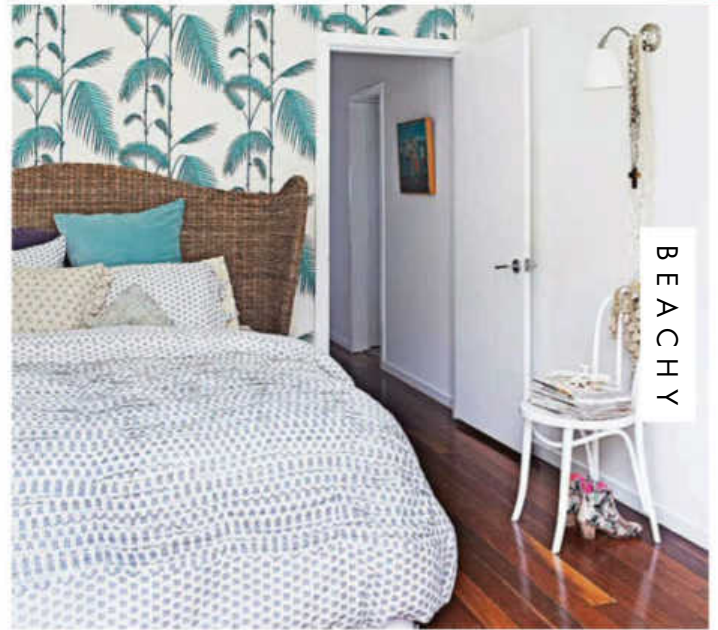
STORE IN STYLE
Havana 2-drawer **side table**
in White, \$39, from Kmart.

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BEACH MEMORY
Aqua Board **frame**, \$24.95,
from My House.



BEACHY



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TERRIFIC TRAY
Gourmet wooden **tray**
(37cm x 24cm x 3cm), \$19,
from Early Settler.

TOUCH OF GLASS
Opal **vase** in Mint, \$14
from Marmoset Found. **H+**

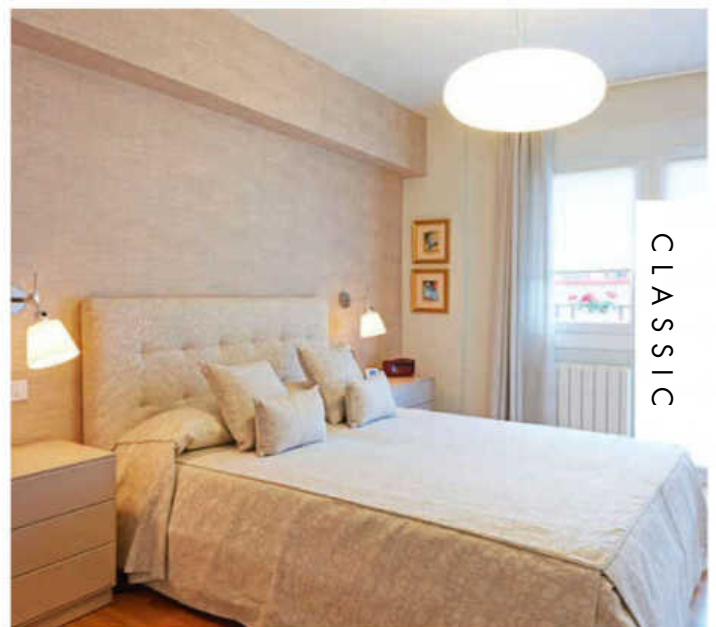


COUNTRY

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CLASSIC



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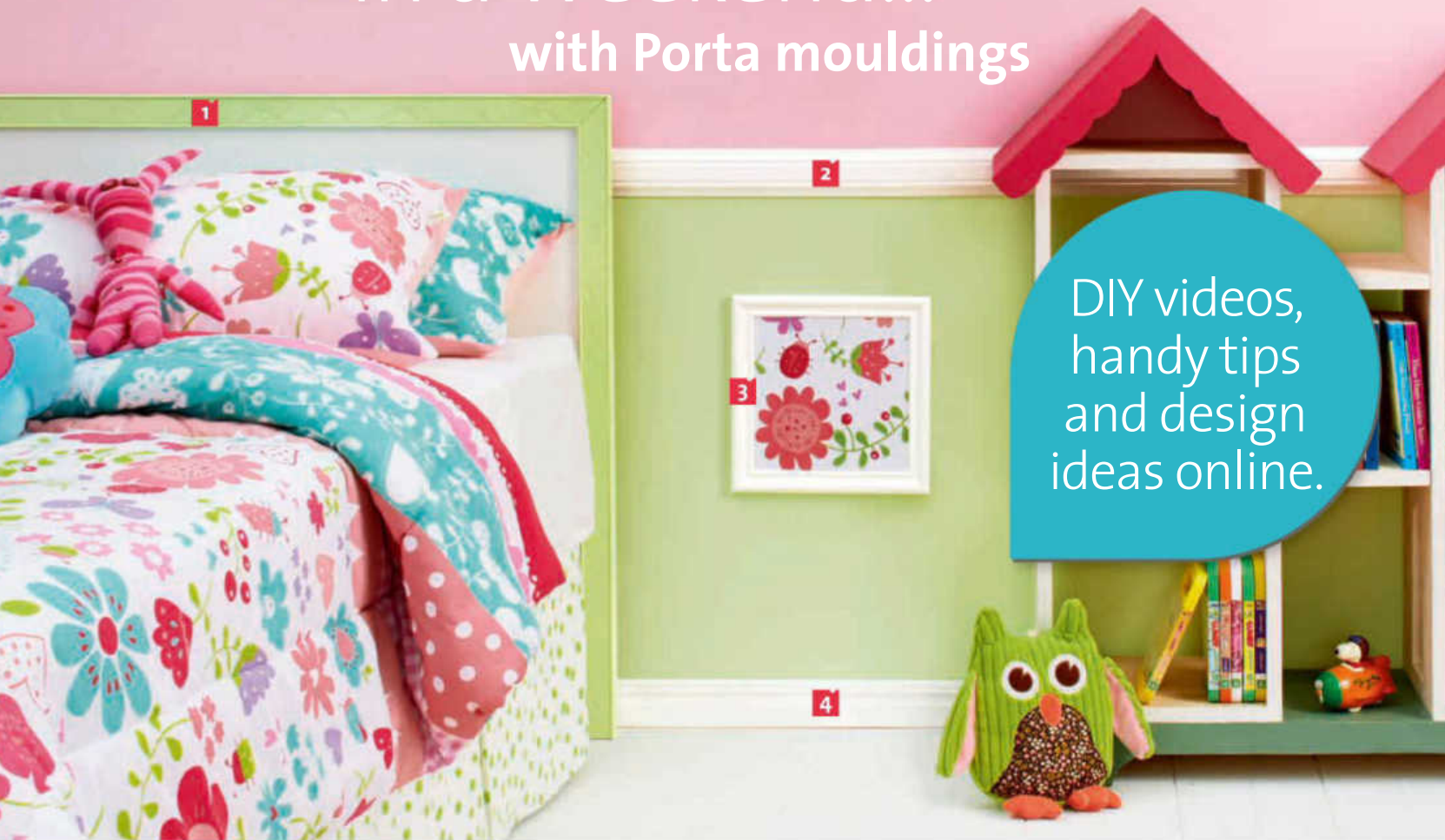
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Bay blue

A calm neutral palette creates a soothing space and complements the view to the bay.



BEACHY HOME JULES HANBY

“My place is all about friends and the memories we create”

Jules Hanby saw the potential in a tired 1960s apartment and transformed it into a **fresh light-filled place** to call home.

LIVING

Ever changing
The coffee table, given to Jules by a friend, features a constantly changing display.

"I CALL MY APARTMENT 'The Loft'.

It was built in the Sixties and it's on the highest land in the street – being so light and breezy up here, the name stuck. The decision to buy the unit (a two-bedder in a small block of four) was an easy one – it just ticked every box. I can walk to cafes, restaurants, public transport and the beach – and it has beautiful bay views. Plus it was just as solid as a rock.

Time for change

When I moved in, the apartment still had the original paint and carpets. With the help of generous family and friends, renovations began the week I settled on the property. The old carpet came up, and I replaced it with new wool carpet in the bedrooms and grey paint on the concrete floor in the newly combined kitchen and living area. I used Dulux 'White On White' for the walls throughout. A good friend installed custom linen drapes in the living room, while my mum altered ready-made Ikea curtains for a similar look in the bedrooms at a fraction of the price. What I saved on the kitchen renovation with Ikea cabinetry, I spent on sage-green Italian glass mosaic tiles that I just had to have! ➤

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LIVING

A touch of luxury

There are custom linen drapes in the living area but Jules saved with Ikea ones in the bedrooms.



LIVING

A touch of luxury

The natural woven-ball pendant lights were a bargain buy from Bunnings. Grouped in a line of three, they form a beautiful visual barrier that defines the kitchen from the living area.



MEET JULES

About me I'm Jules and this is my apartment in the bayside suburb of Mordialloc in Melbourne.

Top tip Keep your clutter to a minimum, if it's not special to you in some way, get rid of it!

step-by-step make it!

NATURAL MOTIF ART

Make an artwork similar to Jules's DIY masterpiece in the living room.

You will need Stretched canvas or plywood offcut; pencil; 3 sample pots of paint; paintbrushes; vine motif template (do a web search); picture hanging kit.

STEP ONE Draw a line a quarter of the way in on one side of the canvas. Fill in with first colour.

STEP TWO Cut out vine motif, place along painted box. Trace around shape, continuing until design goes along one side. Paint in with a second colour.

STEP THREE Lay template along bottom of canvas and trace design to the edge. Continue upwards until the rest of the canvas is filled. Paint in with third colour. Then use picture hanging kit to hang your finished work!



KITCHEN

Splash out

The Italian glass mosaic tiles were a splurge, while the cabinetry was a save from Ikea.



DETAIL

Concrete jungle

A stylish concrete pot adds life and an industrial vibe to the kitchen.



DETAIL

Perfectly paired

A colourful vignette grouping on the kitchen bench is both pretty and practical.

Favourite things

Almost every item in my home has a story behind it – of travel, or friends, or a chance find. My family calls me a bower bird as I just love a good op-shop find or hard rubbish collection. I like clustering together favourite pieces to create beautiful vignettes; it adds depth and warmth, creating the most beautiful feeling to live within.

The master bedroom is my favourite room. I recently moved the bed to face the water views – I love stretching the curtains aside in the morning, grabbing a cuppa and easing myself into the day with a gorgeous view of the pier.

Small packages

Despite its modest size, my place is great for entertaining. It's amazing just how many friends I can fit into my cosy living area. I just love cooking up a storm for everyone – the white stone bench in the kitchen doubles as the best dining table! Being a small space with no pets means that it really doesn't take that long to clean, so there's lots of time for relaxing. This is a space I love being in but I equally love the fact that on the weekend I can just pull the door shut behind me and head off for a few days, and not worry about a thing." **H+**

TIP

Avoid handles on cabinetry in a small kitchen to create a clean, uncluttered look.

KITCHEN

Texture and colour

Jules has lifted the white kitchen with natural woven pendants and a green mosaic splashback. >



“Despite its modest size, my place is great for entertaining.”



“My talented dad made my bedhead with timber from Bunnings and material and foam from Spotlight.”



Double duty

A wicker storage basket serves as a bedside table in the master bedroom.

TABLE LAMPS

Try this style of lighting in the kitchen and living room, or in place of bedside lamps in the bedroom.



MOOD LIGHT
Torna **table lamp**
in Birch plywood,
\$99, from Ikea.



TIMBER TOUCH
Edison **table lamp**
in Teak, \$89.95, from
Beacon Lighting.



CLASS ACT
Marmo **table lamp**
in Marble,
\$20, from Kmart.

MASTER BEDROOM

JULES'S COLOUR SCHEME

WHITE

Dulux Wash & Wear 101 Barrier Technology
in **White On White**, \$71.90 for 4L.

GREEN

Porter's Paints Low Sheen
acrylic in **Agave**, \$97 for 4L.

TAUPE

Taubmans Endure Accent low sheen
in **Silver Bullet**, \$83.95 for 4L.

MASTER BEDROOM

Collected memories

Grouping souvenirs and gifts from friends adds warmth and personality to the bedroom.



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MASTER BEDROOM



Fresh start

New wool carpets were laid and walls were painted in Dulux "White On White".

SPARE BEDROOM



Travel gem

The patchwork bedspread was picked up on a trip to India. ➤

FILTERED LIGHT
Matilda sheer
curtains in White,
\$29.99, from Ikea.

GOOD ANGLE
Liteworks Mira
desk lamp in
White, \$119, from
Officeworks.

HAVE A BALL
Mercator 60W Cordette
pendant light, \$119,
from Bunnings.

NATURAL FEEL
Homemaker
square **basket**,
\$14 for large,
from Kmart.

WEAVE IT
Herringbone **rug**
(1.2m x 1.8) in Natural,
\$69, from Target.

ON BOARD
DI601 Nordic Tapas
board in Milk White,
\$88, from Satara.

JULES'S BEST BUYS



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See more of Jules's beachy home, and more coastal properties, on our YouTube channel. [YouTube.com/homesplusmag](https://www.youtube.com/homesplusmag)

BATHROOM

Towel dried

Jules loves her Cool Galah towels.

[5] decor tips

ONE One of the biggest interior impacts you can make is to remove the wall between your kitchen and dining/living area. It won't cost as much money as you think and is so worth it.

TWO I love creating vignettes and clustering beautiful pieces together – such as vases, jugs, bowls, etc – on a tray.

THREE Create your own artworks to suit your colour palette. Take a painting class if you're not confident.

FOUR If you live in a small space, always think of storage! My bedside tables are actually wicker storage hampers.

FIVE Rearrange your furniture to make the most of a view.

BATHROOM

A classic

Except for a coat of paint, the bathroom is all original, and next on the reno list!

EXTERIOR

Off to the beach

The old apartment block has been rendered and painted to give it a fresh, modern exterior.



“I just had to have the gorgeous Italian mosaic tiles!”

TRY IT NOW:

SPLASHBACKS

Make a stylish statement in the kitchen with these attention-grabbing splashback options.

Bellessi splashback in **Cool Mist**, \$428 (72.5cm x 2.44m x 6mm), from Bunnings.

Everstone glass mosaic in **Imperial Green**, \$29 a sheet (30cm x 30cm), from ABL Tile and Bathroom Centre.

Metaline laminate splashback in **Brushed Aluminium**, \$52.80 a sq m (supply only), from Laminex.

Joy marble mosaic in **Multi Green**, \$70.33 a sheet (30cm x 30cm), from Beaumont Tiles.

Bisazza Smalto mosaic in **Emerald Green**, \$29.99 a sheet (32.2cm x 32.2cm), from Mosaic Tiles.

Bellessi splashback (72.5cm x 2.44m x 6mm) in **White Wall Motiv**, \$949, from Bunnings.

SHOP LIKE YOU HAVE A

BEACHY HOUSE

Natural materials, watery blue accents and a stripe or two – here's how to **get a beachy look**.

BLUE LAGOON
Dulux Wash & Wear **paint** in Water Raceway, \$85.90 for 4L.

Easy breezy

Nothing says beachy like a couple of towel-draped wicker armchairs.



LIVING

GREEN PIECE
Shada ceramic **stool** in Green, \$169.95, from Zanui.



SIMPLE ACCENT
Limhall **frame** in White, \$1.99, from Ikea.

COOL CANE
Dover Mason "Parnell" **outdoor chair** in White, \$249.95, from Zanui.



WATER HUES
Denim Deconstructed outdoor **cushion**, \$49.95, from Zanui.



OUTDOOR LIVING
Äppelrö/Kungsö 2-seat outdoor **sofa** in Brown Stained/White, \$380 from Ikea.



COLOUR POP
Zola large **planter** in Teal, \$39.95, from Freedom.



OUTDOOR



Chill-out zone

Relaxed and comfy is the order of the day outside.

Prints charming

Stripes are the go-to print for a beachy look.



LOUNGE

STORAGE PIECE
New England **coffee table**,
\$369.95, from Super Amart.



RIGHT STRIPES
Åkermadd **cushion cover** in Green/Blue,
\$8, from Ikea.



COPPER TONE
2-tone **vase**, \$6,
from Kmart.



GO FOR GOLD
Asteroid **deco object** in
Gold, \$39.95, from Freedom.



HEX APPEAL
Hexagon
shadow box,
\$9, from Kmart.



NATURAL CHIC
Home Republic
"Aberdeen"
cushion in
Oatmeal, \$41.95,
from Adairs.

TIGHT KNIT
MT Cable
blanket, \$139.95,
from Cotton On.



TREE TRUNK
Carbine resin
Trunk **stool**, \$209,
from Domayne.

BEDROOM



COUNTRY HOME KATHERINE JAMISON

“We found the perfect LITTLE FARM”

Katherine Jamison loves raising her young family in **wide open spaces** on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

LIVING ROOM

Geo gems

Large affordable Ikea rugs handle the traffic of horseriding boots, kids and dogs.

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DETAIL

Clutter buster

A large basket at the front door keeps boots and shoes in check.

"I GREW UP ON a working sheep farm, so I never really felt settled living on a 'normal'-sized block. Even on half an acre of lovely gardens and gum trees surrounded by rolling hills and wineries, I still felt boxed in. My city-born husband has come around to my love of horses and riding, and 12 months ago the timing was right for our family to find a little farm to call home.

THE FAMILY WAY

We didn't have to move far, which was great – it meant the kids didn't need to

change schools, and Cam's drive to work is a little shorter. The house itself is great for now – it isn't huge, but it has a good floorplan that brings us all together in a central, open-plan kitchen-dining area. With four bedrooms, the kids no longer share – they're next door to each other, which they love. They have pretty much free rein over how they want their rooms to look – I love kids rooms that look like kids rooms.

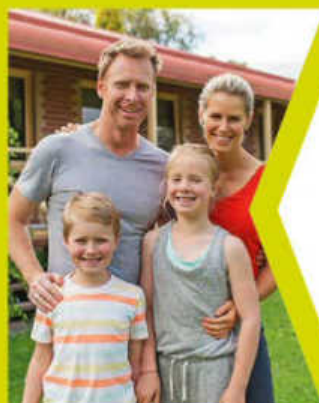
Nothing is too precious in our home and that's the way we like it. ▶

MEET KATHERINE

About me I'm a photographer. I live here on the Mornington Peninsula with my husband Cam, our daughter Evie, 10, and son Fergus, 8, plus two dogs, four horses and Molly the guinea pig.

Best buy Ours are inside dogs so I love low-pile floor rugs from Ikea – they are affordable, replaceable, and vacuum so well!

Top tip Move your things around regularly; it will put a breath of fresh energy through your home.



DETAIL

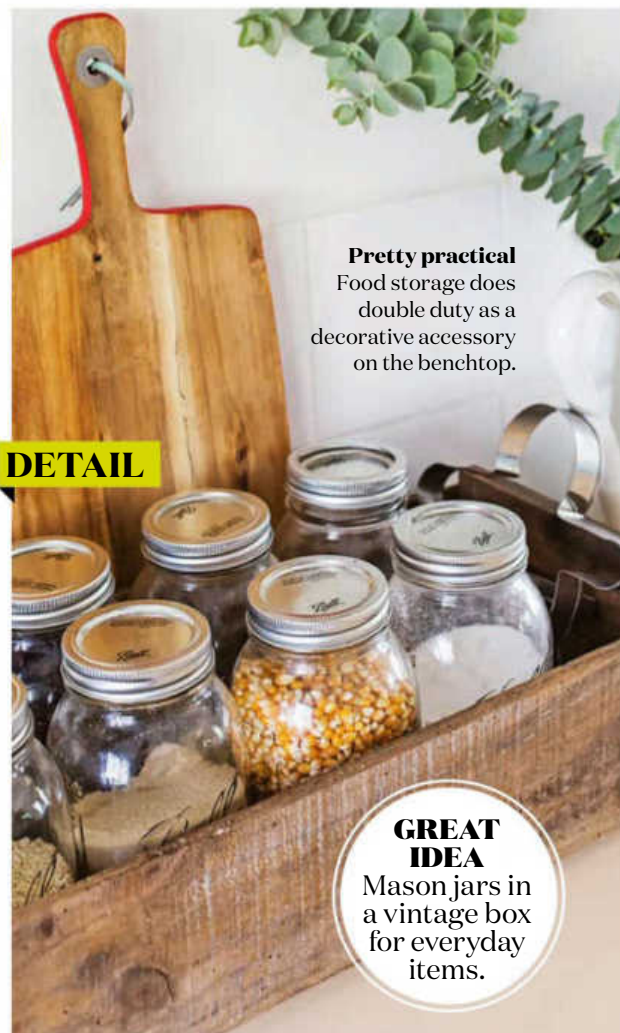
Heirlooms abound

The large copper pot came from Katherine's parents' farm, and the artwork belonged to Cam's grandmother.



Barely missed
New kitchen cupboards are on the to-do list, but they're not at the top!

KITCHEN

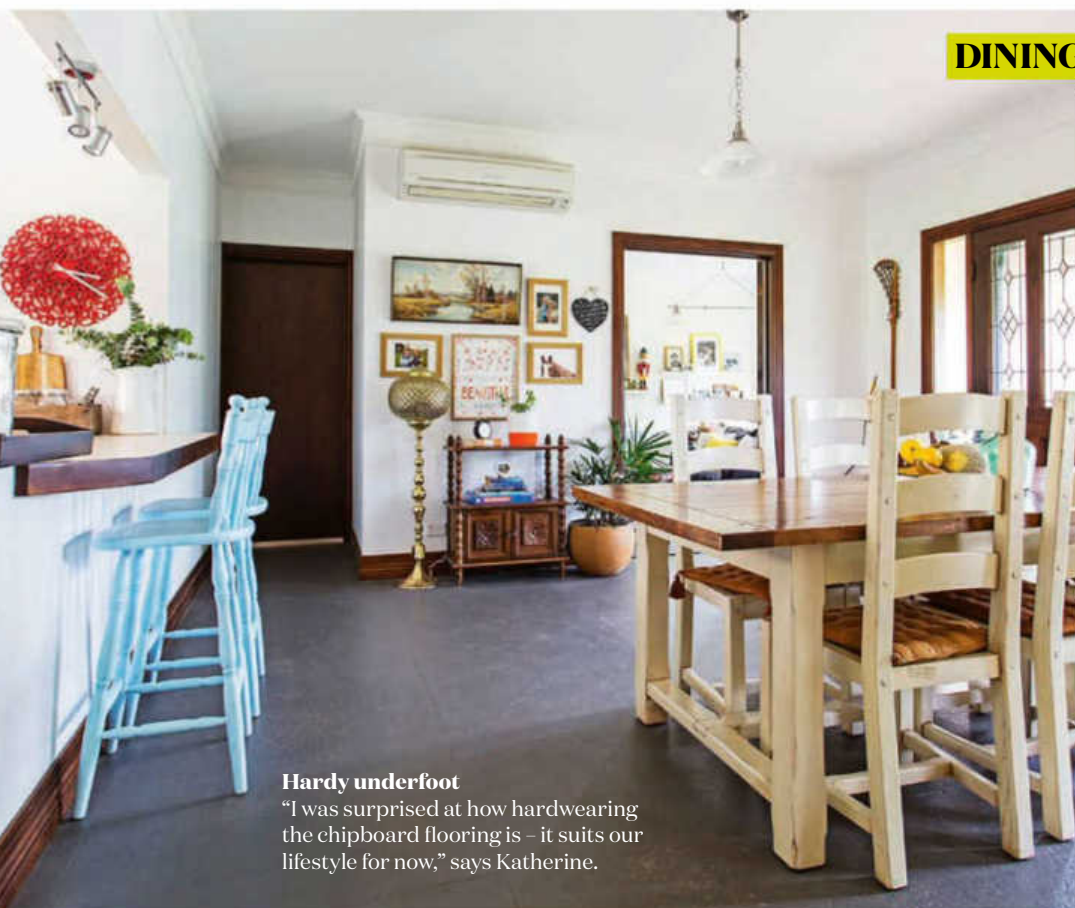


Pretty practical
Food storage does double duty as a decorative accessory on the benchtop.

DETAIL

GREAT IDEA
Mason jars in a vintage box for everyday items.

“Twelve months later, it seems cupboards are still not on the urgent list.”



DINING

Hardy underfoot
“I was surprised at how hardwearing the chipboard flooring is – it suits our lifestyle for now,” says Katherine.

We buy things we love, whether they're a perfect match with other furnishings or not. We like to paint a bit of colour here and there, and picture hooks get hammered into the wall wherever they're needed.

ALL IN GOOD TIME

Our kitchen is a funny story: I think the former ‘man of the house’ was a cabinetmaker – so there are no kitchen cupboards! The real estate agent said to me, ‘Well, you’ll need to get them done right away.’ Twelve months later, it seems cupboards are still not on the urgent list.

The other ‘must do’ was the floors – throughout the house there is only the sub-floor, and no one ever put anything on it except a few coats of floor paint. This actually works well for us – with riding boots and dogs, we’re not a white-carpet kind of family! Having said that, carpeting the bedrooms will happen soon for a bit of warmth underfoot in winter. Until then, Ikea rugs do a great job. ▶

DETAIL

Born again
A family heirloom, the box-seat houses the kids' riding boots.

HALLWAY

Inside the box
Cube shelving makes for handy storage in the hallway.

LIVING

In the zone
Katherine prefers her office in the hustle and bustle of the living room.

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FRAME IT
Madison **frame**,
11 x 14-inch, \$54.95,
from Freedom.

HANDLE IT
Sockerärt **vase**, 16cm,
\$9.99, from Ikea.

KATHERINE'S BEST BUYS

WALK THE LINE
Lappljung Ruta
low-pile **rug**, 2m x
3m, \$159, from Ikea.

SUNNY DAY
Plain rib **cushion**,
\$10, from Target.

SIT HERE
Marius **stool**,
\$7.99, from Ikea.

LIKE A
LIGHT
Retro LED
lantern, \$12,
from Kmart.

KID'S BEDROOM

Chicken out
The Chook
by artist Jacqi
Russo overlooks
Evie's bed.

FORWARD PLANS

We may not have moved far to our new home, but the change to our lifestyle has been huge. The horses are outside the back door, we now have endless space for the kids to play and work on the vegetable garden, and backyard footy is a daily occurrence.

Our long-term plans include pushing out the wall between the dining/living room and verandah, adding bigger windows and doors out to a deck, plus similar plans to grow the master bedroom. We also want to render away the bricks. But it's outside that will get the attention first. Already Fergus and Cam have built a great fort that looks down the driveway, and with the whole family riding, a horse arena is an eventual must – more than kitchen cupboards, it seems!" H+

BATHROOM

White out
The bathroom
is fresh and
simple with
white subway
tiles and timber
window frames.

KIDS BEDROOM

Cool change
Fergus loves his
blue wall, in Dulux
"Ashen Wind".

CREATE AN ART HANG

When hanging pictures in a group, one way to unify them is to frame them in the same colour or material. Shops like Freedom, Ikea and Country Road have different sizes in the same colours, or go to a picture framer.

GET THE LOOK

MASTER BEDROOM

“We embraced the cosiness of our tiny bedroom with a deeper wall colour.”

Picture perfect

Katherine's own photographic work is displayed on a wall painted in Taubman's “Grey Heron”.

KATHERINE'S COLOUR SCHEME

BLUE

Dulux Wash & Wear in **Ashen Wind**, \$85.90 for 4L.

GREY

Taubmans Endure Accent low-sheen in **Grey Heron**, \$83.95 for 4L.

PINK

Dulux Wash & Wear in **Tea Party**, \$85.90 for 4L.

DETAIL

Good find
A vintage chair serves as a bedside table in the guest room.



KID'S BEDROOM

Child's play
With books and instruments, there's plenty for the kids to do inside, too.

“We’ve finished the garden design but our vegie patch will always be a work in progress.”



DIY CHALKBOARDS

You'll need: Pencil; plywood; jigsaw; sandpaper; chalkboard paint; rope; electric drill

STEP ONE Trace a shape, such as a heart or ice-cream cone, onto a piece of plywood.

STEP TWO Cut out the shape using a jigsaw. Sand the edges to smooth any rough edges.

STEP THREE Paint one side of the plywood with chalkboard paint and allow to dry completely.

STEP FOUR Choose a length of rope. Select a drill bit the same width as the rope, and drill two holes in the top of the chalkboard.

STEP FIVE Thread ends of rope through holes and tie knots to secure. Hang on the wall.

OUTSIDE

Horsing around
The family love to go horse riding and space for the horses was a must.





“My rugs are low-pile and affordable, perfect for kids and dogs!”

TRY IT NOW:

PATTERNED RUGS

Update a room, change the look completely or replace when it's worn: rugs are great for family homes.



COTTON ON
Dash & Albert
“Swedish Stripe”
rug (60cm x
91cm), \$80, from
Life Interiors.



GEO SHAPES
Char Modern **rug**
(1.1m x 1.6m), \$79.95,
from Zanui.



BLACK & WHITE
Herringbone **rug**
(1.2m x 1.8m), \$49,
from Target.

STRIPE STYLE

Laid-back or luxe – stripes work well in most spaces. Bold, wide stripes can look quite polished, while a ticking print is more rustic.

COOL PRINT

Striking geometrics and strong prints need to be tempered with solid neutral colours, unless you're going for a mixed-print look.

SUBTLE PATTERN

Knotted rugs, especially ones with a small stripe or chevron pattern, will add texture and depth to a space, compared to a solid-coloured rug.

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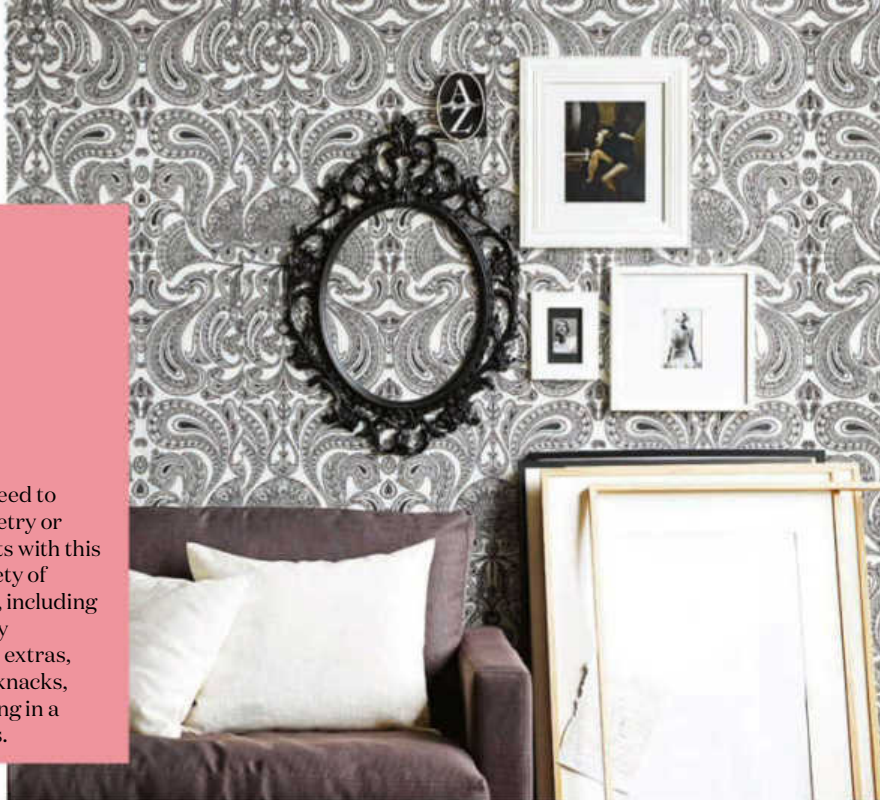
Colour me happy

Katherine has created a bright display of frames in her daughter's room, with different shapes paired with a horse head.

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DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Try it There's no need to worry about symmetry or exact measurements with this idea. Choose a variety of frames and images, including artworks and family photographs. Little extras, like ceramic knick-knacks, look great when hung in a collection of frames.



DO IT: FRAME CLUSTERS

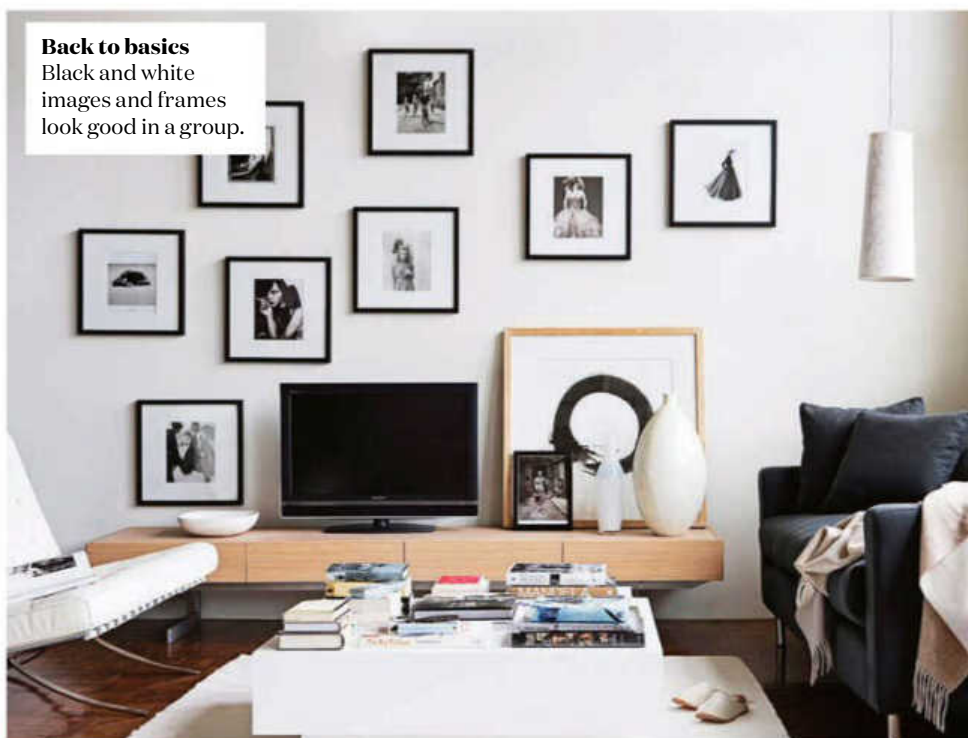
Guaranteed to garner a mention from your guests, **groups of frames** on walls or shelves show off your personality and style.

PHOTO WALLS LOOK AMAZING and there are shortcuts to creating this look at home – layering different frames on a picture ledge or table takes the hard work out of measuring and hanging groups of frames on a wall. But if that's the look you like, there are a few tricks to getting it right. Before adding hooks to the wall, use artist's tape and pieces

of paper the sizes of your frames to map out where each one will go. It's easier to remove these than it is to patch nail holes! Start with the largest frame in the centre and work outwards (this allows you to add to the wall over time, too). Aim for even spaces between frames, and don't forget the spirit level! **H+**

Back to basics

Black and white images and frames look good in a group.



2

ON THE SAME PAGE

Try it Unify a collection of photographs by mounting them in matching frames. Choose a frame that's understated and neutral, such as white or wood, to let the images shine. If the pictures are different sizes, use white mats inside the frames.

Inspired by



Simple things

Katherine's chosen to display her own photographs above the master bed, in timber frames with white mats.

ALL TOGETHER NOW
Set wooden **frame**, \$16.99,
from Typo. Available from
February 29.



SMART IDEA
Marietorp
picture ledge,
\$7.99, from Ikea.



GET IT TOGETHER
Pax multi **frame cluster**,
\$29.95, from Freedom.

"I love wall galleries. You can be as formal or informal as you like, just keep the spaces between frames nice and even. Add little treasures and you'll have a lovely wall."

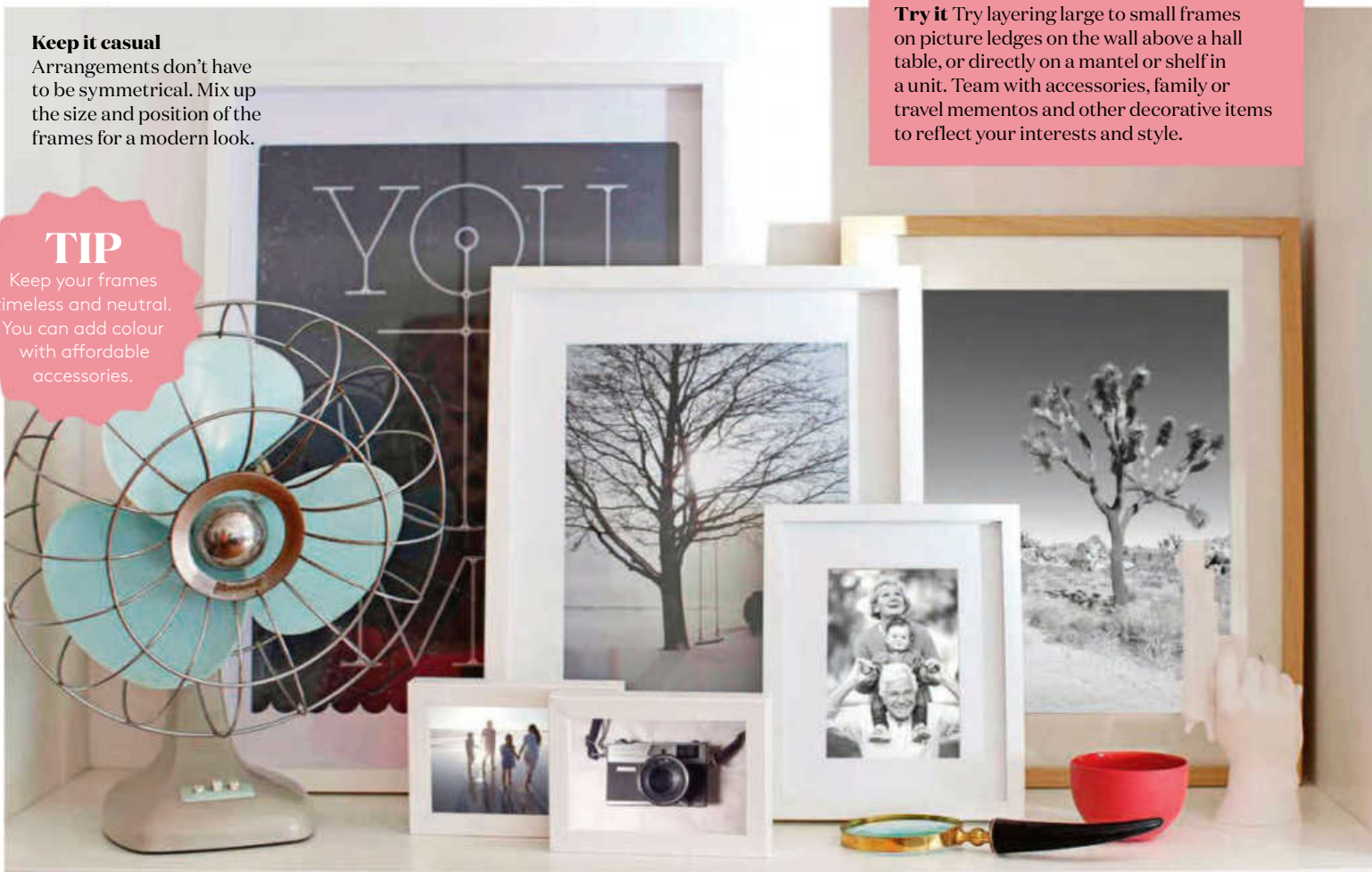
– Katherine Jamison (see pg 40)

Keep it casual

Arrangements don't have to be symmetrical. Mix up the size and position of the frames for a modern look.

TIP

Keep your frames timeless and neutral. You can add colour with affordable accessories.



Inspired by



Shelf life

Family photos in frames of different sizes and styles are stacked on picture ledges in Katherine's living room.

3

THE LAYERED LOOK

Try it Try layering large to small frames on picture ledges on the wall above a hall table, or directly on a mantel or shelf in a unit. Team with accessories, family or travel mementos and other decorative items to reflect your interests and style.



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Kick back, relax
Jane relaxes on the
front patio which
looks out onto the
pool and garden.

CLASSIC HOME JANE GARRETT

“*This home reflects the
way we live and*
ENTERTAIN”

An historic home on Sydney's Upper North Shore has been filled with
an **eclectic mix of heirlooms**, bargain finds and other treasures.

DETAIL

Pretty thing
Lanterns from Inside Traders & Co sit with a teapot and shells from travels.



LIVING

Fresh feel
Lush plants bring the outdoors in and add another hint of colour.



MEET JANE

About me My name is Jane Garrett and I'm a graphic designer. I live with my partner Peter and my teenage children Phoebe and Gil on the Upper North Shore of Sydney.

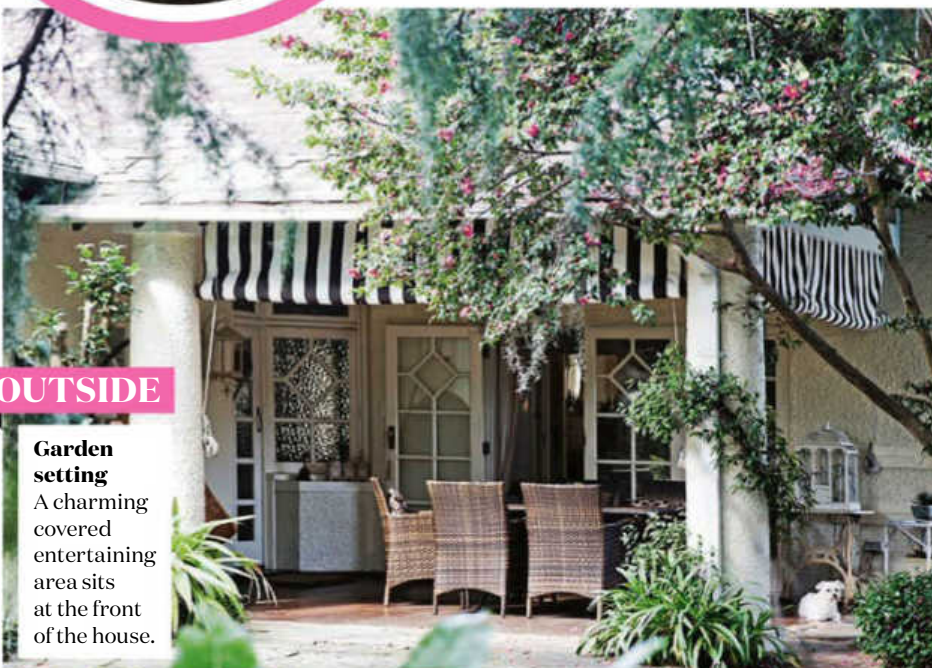
"WE PURCHASED OUR HOME back in 2006. It was built in 1919 and we thought it was a bit unusual and that there was something special about it – we also loved the leafiness and peace of the neighbourhood it was in. It's a bit Arts and Crafts and a bit bungalow in style and although I feel as though it's still a work in progress, we have managed to install water tanks and have also built a small studio space out the back over a patch of garden. I would love to paint the whole inside of the house at some point, but I have done lots of decorating and put in some nice touches, such as curtains, some of which I made myself.

PRETTY THINGS

I'm the main decorator in the house – I'd say my style could be described as 'East meets West'. I'm always changing things around and moving things about as I'm often inspired by my travels, nature and work as a graphic designer. I love Asian pieces, such as dark-wood furniture and richly coloured rugs, mixed with modern/contemporary art. I also enjoy creating unique items, such as the upholstered chairs in our living room. They were left to me by my lovely great aunt Sylvia. I covered

OUTSIDE

Garden setting
A charming covered entertaining area sits at the front of the house.



LIVING



Reading nook

The high-backed bamboo armchair was an ex-floorstock bargain find on eBay.

“I love finding a good bargain online – my favourite things to buy are chairs and ceramics, especially teapots and teacups.”



LIVING

Colour play

Touches of pink and blue brighten up the living room.

DETAIL

In focus

A round mirror creates a stunning focal point in the kitchen area.



[3] decor tips

- ONE** WHEN YOU'RE SHOPPING FOR DECOR PIECES AND FURNITURE, REMEMBER TO BUY WHAT YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT AND WOULD LIKE TO LIVE WITH.
- TWO** DON'T BE AFRAID OF COLOUR – YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE IT!
- THREE** MAKE AN EFFORT TO MIX UP STYLES – YOU DON'T WANT YOUR SPACE TO END UP LOOKING TOO CONTRIVED.



Classic cooking
Simple off-white cabinets are complemented with Caesarstone benchtops in the kitchen.



KITCHEN

Passed down
Bar stools from Freedom sit with a table and trolley that belonged to Jane's grandparents.



DINING

Timber treat
The table and chairs Jane bought from Freedom over a decade ago have held up well.



DETAIL

China blues
Most of Jane's blue and white ceramics were from Alfresco Emporium and Early Settler.

them with fabric I sourced on eBay, added pompoms from Spotlight and cushions and brought them into the 21st century while maintaining their old-world charm.

The room I love most in the house is the living room – the two high-backed bamboo chairs from Freedom create an amazing atmosphere; in winter I can sit by the fire, and in summer the space has great light. The pink accents in the room are a nice contrast to all of the dark timber, plants, stained bamboo furniture and marble. I feel like the room has a Singapore-cum-French-Colonial feel.

When we are lucky enough to travel, we always return with items that reflect a time, place or memory from a trip. These memories are often displayed as what I call 'frozen moments' – that is, vignettes – throughout the house. »

BEDROOM

High low

Bedlinen from Laura Ashley and Ikea work well together.

TIP

Try using a few hits of a super-bold accent colour to liven up dark spaces.



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Jump onto our YouTube channel and let Jane show you inside her classic home.

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JANE'S COLOUR SCHEME

PINK

Taubmans Endure Accent low-sheen in **Blushing Orient**, \$83.95 for 4L.

BEIGE

Dulux Wash & Wear in **Beige Royal**, \$85.90 for 4L.

BLACK

Porter's Paints Aqua Gloss Enamel in **Van Helsing**, \$99.25 for 4L.



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3D ARTWORK TRIO

You will need Printed paper; scissors; 3 floral or butterfly templates; glue; 3 box frames with mounting card; plain card.

STEP ONE Pop each template on printed paper. Trace and then cut out with scissors.

STEP TWO Fold butterfly wings or flower petals up so each printed motif is no longer flat.

STEP THREE Cut plain card to fit in frames. Apply a small amount of glue to the centre of each motif and place one in the middle of each card before placing in frame with mount.

BUGGIN' OUT
Charaxes smaragdalis Matt
single **framed butterfly**, \$60,
from Bits & Bugs.



TEST IT
Test tube
vase, \$5,
from Kmart.



JANE'S BEST BUYS

OUTSIDE

Leafy outlook

Jane loves the feeling of peace and tranquillity at home.



EXOTIC TOUCH
Idfu Egyptian
faded **rug** in Pink
(2.3m x 1.6m), \$451,
from Miss Amara.



PRETTY PATTERN
Celadon Botanical
stool, \$89, from
Early Settler.



ORIENTAL FEEL
Mao **bar stool**
in Chocolate, \$99,
from Freedom. >





"PINK ACCENTS ADD A NICE CONTRAST TO DARK COLOURS AND TIMBERS."

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From hot pink to fuchsia, a few hits of these bright shades will bring fun and excitement to any space.



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Kas "Alna" **cushion** in
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cushion in Pink
& White, \$47.20,
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SMOOTHED OUT
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embroidered velvet
cushion in Fuchsia,
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cushion in
Raspberry, \$44.95,
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cushion in
Magenta, \$21.95,
from Splosh.



GEO CHIC
Kobe **cushion**
in Pink, \$34.95,
from Zanui.



VELVET TOUCH
Sanela **cushion**
cover, \$10, from Ikea.



MAKE A SPLASH
Watercolour Print
cushion, \$10,
from Kmart.



Sweet additions

A cute bunting and wicker furniture makes Jane's studio a nice place to be.



DIY floors

Jane painted stripes on the floor with black and white house paint – cool!

They help to add a personal touch to our home that really makes it feel like our space.

LIVING EASY

Having the studio means I have a dedicated space to do my design work and painting, and it also lets me escape to a peaceful and quiet zone separate from the rest of the house.

Even though the house is spread out across one level, it flows well and has a clever floorplan that does provide enough privacy for everyone. The family can all still feel like we're together in the house so it's just the right size for us!

There are always lots of teenage friends of our children visiting and I love that about this house – it is welcoming, warm and lived-in. We also get to entertain throughout the year, whether it's inside by the fire in winter, or outside under the pine tree in summer. Ultimately, I'd describe our home as eclectic and relaxed – it reflects the way we live and entertain." **H+**



BEST BUY

"This fake pink Fejka potted geranium was only \$14.99 from Ikea and looks absolutely real. Plus it doesn't require any watering!"

DO IT: VIGNETTES

Add interest to your interiors by **creating vignettes** of trinkets, photos, books, art and decorative items.

Keep it casual
For an arty display, prop pictures against the wall behind a random assortment of coloured vessels.

THE WALLS ARE PAINTED, the furniture is placed, the rugs are laid and the cushions have been fluffed. Now it's time to fill the space with some life and personality. Vignettes are little groupings of items that make a room look fuller, interesting and lived-in. Here are the three most common ways of creating displays worthy of being on a magazine page.



CREATE YOUR OWN VIGNETTE

STEP 1 THINK OF SHAPES A triangle shape is probably best to keep in mind when styling a vignette – that tall point with a gradual scaling-down to something small. Start with the tallest item in the middle then layer to the sides and front with items shorter than the previous one.

STEP 2 MAKE IT 3D You want to create volume as well as height and shape. You could achieve this by using a tall element like a vase or a candle holder, a small pile of books, then something smaller like a little dish or pile of coasters.

STEP 3 ADD TEXTURE & CONTRAST

To take your vignette one step further, choose items with contrasts and similarities. For example, a mix of old and new books with a shiny-glazed turquoise vase and a small navy bowl with a matt finish have various textures but are tied together with similar colours. Pop a shell or candle on the books and you add an extra element that might just be the finishing touch you're after. Just keep arranging, adding and taking away until you are happy with the look of your arrangement.

Inspired by



Focal point

The mirror in Jane's kitchen is the main feature in this collection of treasures, with plants and flowers adding a fresh touch.

Inspired by

ARRANGING VIGNETTES

Those little collections of decorative items and seemingly insignificant things sitting on bookshelves, sideboards and tabletops are called vignettes. Simple to create, these sweet displays create a focal point and add warmth to a room. To make them successful, you will need multiple items – odd numbers are best – as well as different sizes and textures. Then have fun arranging your vignettes – and rearranging them as you collect new treasures to show off, or as the seasons change. **H+**

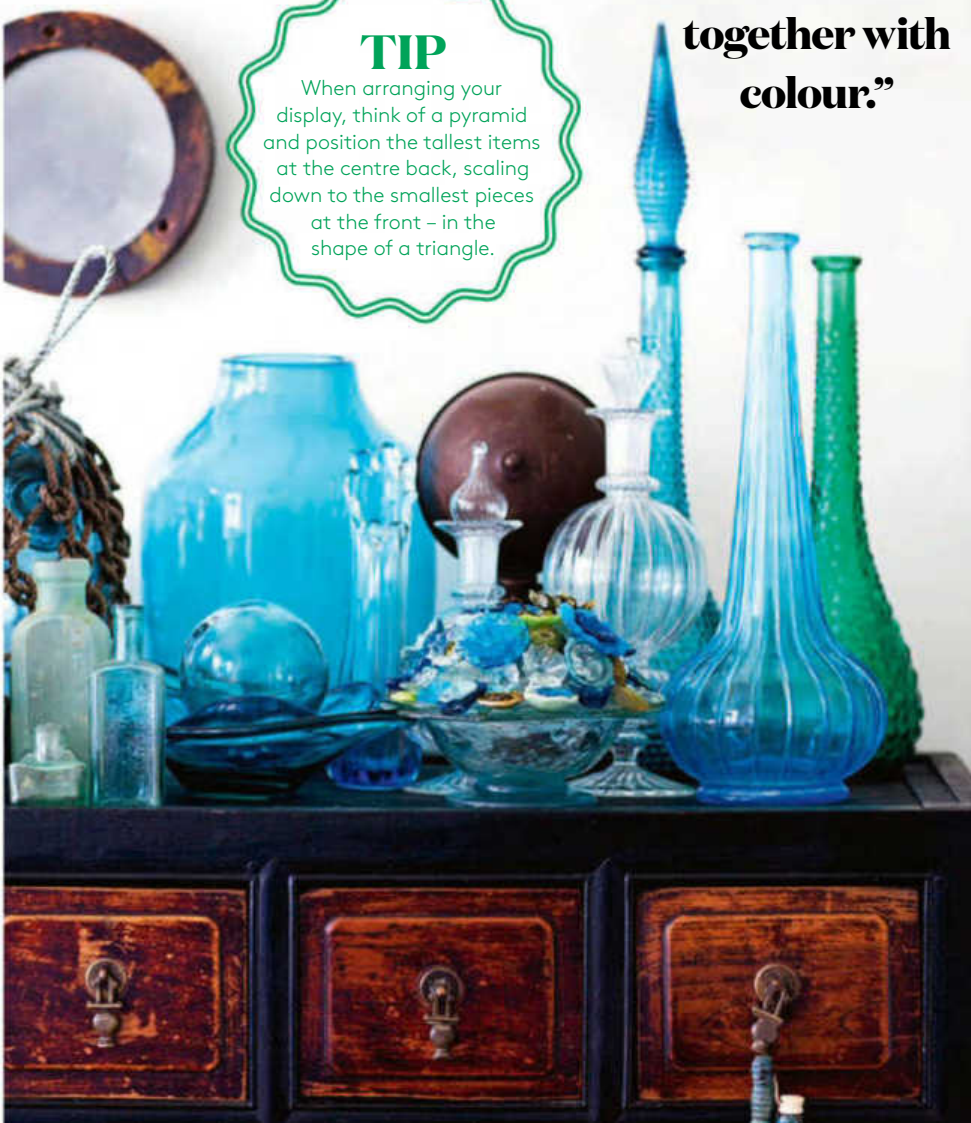
Best buys
Jane loves to display her blue and white china.



“Choose items with similarities and contrasts. Mix old and new and tie together with colour.”

TIP

When arranging your display, think of a pyramid and position the tallest items at the centre back, scaling down to the smallest pieces at the front – in the shape of a triangle.



Memory lane

Simple photo frames sit well with stacked books, modern shapes and a dash of colour.



GLASS ACCENTS



BIRD DETAIL
Aurelia glass container, \$29, from Early Settler.

BAROQUE STYLE
Lisa T small bottle in Smoke Grey, \$10, from Target.



CLEAR AS
Fleur rose bowl, \$14.95, from Freedom.



A. Sculpt Pendants in concrete with ash wood detailing. From left to right: Small Carve \$129, Drop, Large Carve and Round \$169ea. **B. Airfusion Airlie** 122cm 4 blade fan in white \$139. **C. Misty** Pendants in copper. Large \$299, Small \$149. **D. Liam** (top left) Table lamp with ash wood base and clear glass shade \$169. **Edison** Table lamps in ash wood. Cone (top right), Rectangle (bottom left) and Cylinder (bottom right) \$89⁹⁵ ea. Karbon decorative filament globes from \$15⁹⁵ sold separately.

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READER HOME	OVERALL DECOR	OUTDOOR LIVING	KITCHEN & BATHROOM	HOW IT FUNCTIONS	FAMILY-FRIENDLY	TOTAL
 <p>JULES HANBY</p>	/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/50
 <p>KATHERINE JAMISON</p>	/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/50
 <p>JANE GARRETT</p>	/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/50



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**SWEET
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FLAVOURED
MACARONS

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**BEST
DINNERS**

Jerk chicken,
sausages, pasta
and more!

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THIS MONTH MACARON MASTERCLASS, JAMAICAN CHICKEN AND WEEKDAY MEALS

THE **LIVING** ROOM

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN... **JERK CHICKEN**

The Living Room's Miguel Maestre whips up a **traditional Jamaican dish** with help from chef Damion Brown. Fire up the barbecue!

TIP If time allows, marinate the chicken for a few hours or overnight for a more intense flavour. Served with a light and tangy tropical coleslaw, this is perfect Friday-night fare.

**Hot combo**

Damion and Miguel served their jerk chicken with tropical slaw and coconut bread (pictured).

JERK CHICKEN

SERVES 4 **PREP** 10 MINUTES +
MARINATING **COOK** 10 MINUTES
\$2.85 PER SERVE

+ 2kg chicken wings

JERK MARINADE

+ 1 bunch green onions (shallots), chopped

+ 8 birdseye chillies, chopped

+ 6 garlic cloves, chopped

+ ½ bunch thyme, chopped

+ 2 tablespoons chopped ginger

+ ¼ cup ground allspice

+ 2 tablespoons salt

+ 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

+ 1 teaspoon ground cloves

+ 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

+ 100ml dark rum (optional)

STEP 1 To make the jerk marinade, place all ingredients in a food processor and process to a smooth paste.

STEP 2 Combine chicken wings and marinade in a large bowl. Massage marinade into chicken. Place in fridge to marinate for as long as time allows.

STEP 3 Preheat a barbecue over high heat. Place wings onto grill and cook, turning occasionally, for 8-10 minutes or until lightly charred and cooked through. Rest for 5 minutes. Serve with slaw.



TROPICAL SLAW

SERVES 4 **PREP** 15 MINUTES
\$1.55 PER SERVE

+ ½ small red cabbage, finely sliced

+ ¼ small green cabbage, finely sliced

+ 1 red onion, finely sliced

+ 1 green capsicum, finely sliced

+ 2 carrots, cut into thin matchsticks

+ 1 ripe mango, thinly sliced

+ 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

+ 1 tablespoon aioli

+ Juice of 1 lime

+ 2-3 teaspoons chilli oil

+ Salt and pepper

STEP 1 To make tropical slaw, place vegetables and mango in a large bowl. Squeeze mango seed over vegetables to extract as much juice as possible. Add vinegar, aioli, lime juice and oil. Season. **H+**

- + Jerk seasoning has two definitive flavours, allspice (called pimento in Jamaica) and scotch bonnet chillies. Other flavours in the mix can include, thyme, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, garlic, ginger, brown sugar, onion.
- + Traditionally jerk seasoning was used with chicken and pork but these days most forms of protein can be jerked.



DID YOU KNOW

FLAVOUR HIT Jerk seasoning or Jamaican jerk is a spicy, dry or slightly moist spice rub applied to meat and allowed to marinate.

BIG SMOKE Jerk is traditionally slow cooked over large fire pits of charcoal. The charcoal helps to add flavour and smokiness to the meat.

WORD UP The word jerk is said to have come from the Quechua (Peruvian) *charqui*, a form of spiced dried meat, which came to be known in English as jerky.



Easy as! Damion and Miguel spice it up and get blending.
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Amanda Lennon
shares her pick of
delicious recipes
for the week

QUICK DINNERS WEEKDAY COOKING

Serve up **hearty autumn flavours** with these fast evening meals to please the whole family.



MONDAY

**55
MINS**

GNOCCHI WITH SAUSAGE RAGU

SERVES 4 PREP 15 MINUTES COOK 40 MINUTES \$3.40 A SERVE

- + 6 thin Italian pork sausages
- + 2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil
- + 1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
- + 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- + 2 rindless bacon rashers, chopped
- + ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley, plus extra to serve
- + 800g can chopped tomatoes with basil
- + ½ cup white or red wine
- + ½ cup chicken stock
- + 500g packet potato gnocchi
- + ½ cup freshly grated parmesan
- + Mixed salad, to serve

STEP 1 Remove casings from sausages; break meat into bite-size pieces.

STEP 2 Heat a large frying pan over moderate heat. Add oil; swirl to coat surface. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until onion softens. Increase heat to high. Add sausage meat and bacon. Cook and stir, breaking up sausage meat with the back of a wooden spoon, for 5 minutes or until browned. Add ¼ cup parsley, undrained tomatoes, wine and stock. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 25 minutes or until sauce thickens.

STEP 3 Cook gnocchi in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 3-5 minutes or until gnocchi float to the surface. Drain well. Add gnocchi to sauce; toss. Serve sprinkled with parmesan and extra parsley, and with salad.

TUESDAY



**45
MINS**

CAPSICUM & BACON FLAN

SERVES 4 PREP 10 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES \$3.15 A SERVE

- + 1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
- + 1 large brown onion, finely chopped
- + 4 rindless bacon rashers, chopped
- + 340g jar roasted capsicum, drained
- + 300ml cream
- + 6 eggs, at room temperature
- + ¼ cup self-raising flour
- + 1 cup grated tasty cheese
- + ¼ cup chopped basil
- + Mixed salad, to serve

STEP 1 Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Lightly grease a 24cm (base measurement) ovenproof pie dish. Place on a baking tray.

STEP 2 Heat a large frying pan over high heat. Add oil; swirl to coat surface. Add onion and bacon; cook and stir for 3 minutes or until onion softens. Remove from heat; stir in capsicum. Cool slightly.

STEP 3 Whisk cream, eggs, flour, half the cheese and basil in a large bowl until combined. Stir in capsicum mixture. Pour into prepared dish. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top of egg mixture.

STEP 4 Bake for 25-30 minutes or until just set at centre. Remove from oven. Stand in dish for 5 minutes (flan will deflate on standing). Serve with salad.

+ Swap the basil for parsley or baby spinach leaves to change the flan's flavour.

WEDNESDAY

30
MINS

TIKKA SEAFOOD PIZZAS

SERVES 4 PREP 10 MINUTES

COOK 20 MINUTES \$3.50 A SERVE

- + Cooking oil spray
- + 2 tablespoons vegetable or peanut oil
- + 1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
- + 1 small red capsicum, coarsely chopped
- + 1 large zucchini, halved lengthwise, sliced
- + 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- + 2 tablespoons bought tikka masala paste
- + ½ cup thick natural yoghurt, plus 2 tablespoons extra, to serve
- + ½ cup chopped coriander
- + 300g fresh marinara mix
- + 4 pieces naan bread
- + 200g shredded pizza cheese

STEP 1 Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Spray 2 large baking trays with oil.

STEP 2 Heat a large frying pan over high heat. Add oil; swirl to coat. Add onion, capsicum and zucchini; cook and stir for 5 minutes or until vegetables soften. Add tomato paste and tikka paste; cook and stir for 1 minute. Transfer to a large bowl. Stir in ½ cup yoghurt and half of the coriander. Cool for 5 minutes. Stir in marinara mix.

STEP 3 Place 2 naan pieces on each baking tray. Spread each with marinara mix; top with cheese. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until cheese is melted and seafood is cooked. Sprinkle with remaining coriander. Serve topped with extra yoghurt.

THURSDAY

25
MINS

CHICKEN WITH HERB SPAGHETTI

SERVES 4 PREP 10 MINUTES

COOK 15 MINUTES \$3.30 A SERVE

- + 4 single chicken breast fillets
- + ½ cup vegetable or olive oil
- + 3 teaspoons ground fennel
- + 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- + ½ bunch flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
- + ½ bunch basil, finely chopped
- + 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- + 2 tablespoons capers, rinsed, drained
- + 4 anchovy fillets, drained, finely chopped
- + ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan, plus 2 tablespoons extra, to serve
- + 375g spaghetti

STEP 1 Place chicken on a large plate; brush lightly with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Sprinkle with fennel to coat both sides. Combine oil, garlic, parsley, basil, lemon juice, capers, anchovies and ¼ cup parmesan in a medium bowl. Stand for 10 minutes.

STEP 2 Meanwhile, cook spaghetti in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 8-10 minutes or until just tender. Drain spaghetti, reserving ¼ cup of the cooking liquid. Return spaghetti to pan. Add herb mixture and reserved cooking liquid; toss.

STEP 3 Heat a large non-stick frying pan over high heat. Add chicken; cook for 3-4 minutes each side or until cooked. Transfer to a heatproof plate. Cover with foil; rest for 5 minutes. Slice. Serve chicken over spaghetti, sprinkled with parmesan.

FRIDAY

55
MINS

SAUSAGE KEBABS & POTATO SALAD

SERVES 4 PREP 30 MINUTES

COOK 25 MINUTES \$4.10 PER SERVE

- + 8 thin sausages
- + 2 red onions
- + 1 large red capsicum, cut into 2cm pieces
- + Cooking oil spray
- + 700g pink-skinned potatoes, cut into 2cm slices
- + 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- + 2 tablespoons olive oil
- + 1½ tablespoons wholegrain mustard
- + 100g chargrilled red capsicum, coarsely chopped
- + ½ cup coarsely chopped stuffed green olives
- + 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- + Salad leaves, to serve

STEP 1 Preheat a chargrill or barbecue to moderate. Add sausages; cook and turn for 3-4 minutes or until seared. Cool slightly. Cut each sausage into 4 equal pieces.

STEP 2 Cut onions in half, cut each half into 6 chunks. Thread each skewer with 4 pieces of sausage, 4 pieces of fresh capsicum and 3 pieces of onion, alternating each.

STEP 3 Spray skewers with oil. Add skewers to preheated grill; cook for 10-12 minutes or until browned and cooked. Set aside.

STEP 4 Spray potato with oil. Add to grill; cook, turning, for 6-8 minutes or until brown and tender. Place in heatproof bowl.

STEP 5 Combine vinegar, olive oil and mustard in a screw-top jar; shake. Pour over potato; season. Add chargrilled capsicum, olives and chives; toss. Serve with skewers. ■

+ To save at the checkout, buy fish or prawns when on special instead of marinara mix.

+ Instead of chicken, you can use fish fillets. Remember to adjust the cooking time.

+ Before use, soak bamboo skewers in cold water for 20 minutes so they don't burn.

MAKE IT YOURSELF GET IT RIGHT FRENCH KISSES

Try your hand at this technique to make delicious **colourful macarons**.

TIP

Practice makes perfect! Bake a trial batch before a special occasion.



BASIC VANILLA MACARONS

MAKES 24 (1 QUANTITY)

PREP 40 MINUTES **STAND** 1 HOUR

CHILL 15 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES + COOLING

55¢ EACH

- + 1½ cups pure icing sugar
- + 1½ cups ground almonds (almond meal)
- + 4 eggwhites
- + Pinch cream of tartar
- + ½ cup caster sugar
- + 130g white cooking chocolate, broken into pieces
- + ½ cup thickened cream
- + 1 teaspoon vanilla extract with seeds

STEP 1 Preheat oven to 150°C/130°C fan-forced. Using a pencil and a 20cm coin as a guide, mark 16 discs on each of three large pieces of baking paper. Turn paper, pencil-side down, to line three separate baking trays. Process icing sugar and almond meal in a food processor until combined.

STEP 2 Using an electric mixer, beat eggwhites and cream of tartar in a large, dry, clean bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually add caster sugar, beating well after each addition, until mixture is thick and glossy, and sugar has dissolved. Fold in icing sugar and almond mixture until just combined. Spoon meringue mixture into a piping bag fitted with a 1cm plain nozzle.

STEP 3 Pipe mixture onto prepared trays. Using a slightly damp finger, level tops. Stand for 1 hour. Bake macarons, in batches, for 10 minutes or until they have risen slightly, are dry to touch and have formed a "foot". Remove from oven. Cool completely on trays (macarons will firm slightly).

STEP 4 Place chocolate and cream in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let base of bowl touch water). Cook and stir for 3 minutes or until melted. Stir in vanilla. Chill for 15 minutes or until thick and spreadable. Sandwich macarons with chocolate filling.

JAFFA

MAKES 24 **PREP** 40 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES + COOLING

52¢ EACH

- + 1 quantity Basic Vanilla Macaron mixture (see recipe, left)
- + 1½ teaspoons finely grated orange zest
- + Orange food colouring
- + 130g dark chocolate melts
- + ½ cup thickened cream

Prepare Basic Vanilla Macaron mixture as recipe directs, adding zest and orange colouring in step 2. Meanwhile, place melts and cream in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let base of bowl touch the water). Cook and stir for 3 minutes or until melted and combined. Cool, then chill for 15 minutes or until thick and spreadable.



PISTACHIO & SPICE

MAKES 24 **PREP** 40 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES + COOLING

74¢ EACH

- + 1 quantity Basic Vanilla Macaron mixture (see recipe, left)
- + 200g unsalted pistachio kernels, processed to crumbs
- + Green food colouring
- + 130g white cooking chocolate, broken into pieces
- + ½ cup thickened cream
- + 1½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- + ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom

Using pistachio crumbs instead of almond meal and add green colouring. Place chocolate, cream and spices in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water. Stir for 3 minutes or until melted. Cool; chill for 15 minutes or until thick and spreadable.



ESPRESSO & HAZELNUT

MAKES 24 **PREP** 40 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES + COOLING

58¢ EACH

- + 1 quantity Basic Vanilla Macaron mixture (see recipe, left)
- + 1½ cups ground hazelnuts (hazelnut meal)
- + 130g white cooking chocolate, broken into pieces
- + ½ cup thickened cream
- + 3 teaspoons cooled espresso coffee

Use hazelnut instead of almond meal. Place chocolate and cream in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water. Stir for 3 minutes or until melted and combined. Remove from heat and stir in coffee. Cool; chill for 15 minutes or until thick and spreadable.



RASPBERRY

MAKES 24 **PREP** 40 MINUTES

COOK 35 MINUTES + COOLING

53¢ EACH

- + 1 quantity Basic Vanilla Macaron mixture (see recipe, left)
- + Pink food colouring
- + 130g white cooking chocolate, broken into pieces
- + 1½ cup thickened cream
- + 1½ tablespoons raspberry jam, strained

Prepare Basic Vanilla Macaron Mixture, as recipe directs, adding pink colouring with icing sugar and almond mixture, to end of step 3. Place chocolate and cream in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let base of bowl touch the water). Stir for 3 minutes or until melted and combined. Stir in jam. Chill for 15 minutes or until thick and spreadable. Sandwich macarons with chocolate filling.



+ Dissolving Make sure the caster sugar is well dissolved in the eggwhites. To test, pinch meringue: if it feels grainy, keep beating until smooth.

+ Tinting mixture Don't add too much food colouring: the liquid will loosen the mixture too much.

+ Storing macarons Keep assembled macarons in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 days.



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BEFORE & AFTER RENOS

(READERS' EXPERIENCES, TIPS & BUDGETS)

**A MASTER
BEDROOM
MAKEOVER
FULL OF
COLOUR**

Hang around

A cool metallic pendant light frees up valuable bedside-table space – genius!

Brighten up!

Coloured linen is a cheerful change from white sheets.



THIS MONTH THE "BEFORES AND AFTERS" OF A MASTER BEDROOM MAKEOVER

BEDROOM BLISS

An awkward master bedroom gets made over into the **ultimate parents' retreat.**

after

Stylish touch

The newly formed wall niche houses the bedhead. Contrasting trim gives the wall a cool, geometric look.

AS THIS IS THEIR "FOREVER" home, Amy and Peter have always looked to the future and hoped to one day turn a badly designed upstairs office and adjoining cramped bedroom into an intimate and welcoming private space. Time constraints and two young children have meant that the couple have struggled to tackle their bedroom dilemma – until now.

With the help of *The Living Room's* Barry (Baz) DuBois, their second floor has been transformed into a beautifully decorated and organised open space that meets all their needs and wants. Barry's layout turned the existing office into a space that became the new bedroom, complete with a cosy reading nook and built-in shelves, while the old bedroom has been transformed into a luxurious dressing room. A wall around the stairwell creates privacy and a new passageway now links the two rooms for easier access. Now the whole top floor is a fabulous parents' retreat! **H+**

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MEET AMY & PETER

About us I'm Amy and I live with my husband, Peter, and our children, May (3½ years) and Gus (21 months). We live in a split-level home in Bilgola Plateau, NSW, which we fell in love with and bought almost three years ago.



after

Cover up

A wall around the stairwell creates more privacy in the bedroom.

BOLD GRAPHIC
Big diamond cushion, \$49, from Zanui.

GLAM IT UP
Oscar floor lamp, \$249.95, from Zanui.

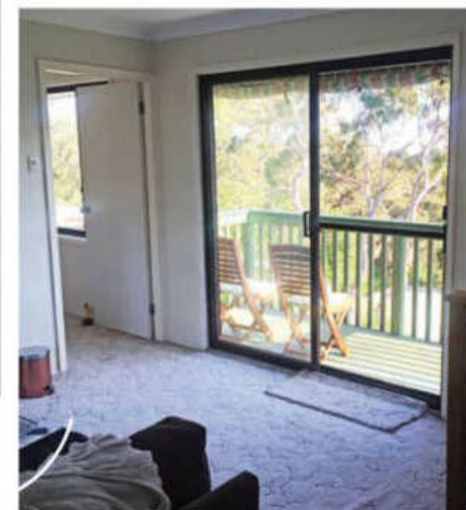


SLEEP EASY
Lena queen bed in Oatmeal, \$799, from Zanui.

TEXT HANAJO

after

Cut away
A clever alcove built around the back of the stairwell is now home to a comfy reading area.



before

Making mess
The old office had become a bit of a dumping ground at the entrance to the bedroom and was visible at the top of the stairwell.

BEFORE & AFTER

before

Change up
The couple thought the ugly window coverings and shag-pile carpet had to go.



after

Hotel feel
Baz chose lovely pieces from Zanui to decorate. A passage now links the two new spaces.

after

Spread out
New walk-in robes means there's plenty of room to move for Peter, and plenty of storage, too.



before

Small space
The bed felt awkwardly positioned but could only be configured in one way.



after

DIY expert
Baz adapted Clever Closet pieces from Bunnings to customise storage space.

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RENOVATOR

OF THE YEAR

Thanks to all the readers who entered our comp to become **Renovator of the Year!** We've managed to narrow down the field of entries to these **12 finalists.** Keep an eye out for the **winners in our next issue**, and enter next year for your chance to appear in the pages of *homes+*.

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Ashlea Kerr QLD



Anna English NSW

KITCHEN



Anna English NSW



Chelsea and Toby Jaremus QLD

BATHROOM



Stacey Collins NSW



Sarah James QLD

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With some decorating know-how and a whole lotta new product, our stylist Imogene **revamped this playroom.**

WHEN HELEN NOBLE CONVERTED

her garage into a playroom for her three daughters, it was done for practical reasons: a place to store their toys. She also wanted to create a space where her eldest daughter, Madeline, 8, could do her homework. Once the room was ready to use, Helen found herself stuck on styling. "Some people have that flair, but I can be that person that looks at a blank wall for years," she says.

The verdict

Our stylist, Imogene, created a bright, fresh room with nooks for all the girls. "The kids find it relaxing but they each have their own little corner or space where they can play or draw," says Helen. "I love the desk and chalkboard with paper roll. It creates hours of endless play and colouring in. It's their pretend school and they love playing teachers." ■



STYLIST AT WORK

Take a look behind the scenes of some of our latest stylist house calls.

[YouTube.com/homesplusmag](https://www.youtube.com/homesplusmag)



before

Blank canvas

The space was renovated, but lacked decoration and zoning.

"I love the wall stickers – a great concept and a quick change to make."

TEXT SAMANTHA BRENNAN
STYLING IMOGENE ROACHE
PHOTOGRAPHY JAMES HENRY

THE DECOR KIT: IMOGENE'S MAKEOVER MATHS



FOR THE WALLS
Cloud **clock**, \$5, from Target. Flag **canvas print**, \$6, from Target.



FUNKY CHUNKY
Knitted **ottoman**, \$29, from Kmart.



TAKE A SEAT
1 x Frosta **stool** in Yellow, \$29.99, and 2 x Frosta **stools** in Birch, \$14.99 each, from Ikea.



ON WHEELS
Raskog **trolley** in Turquoise, \$79, from Ikea.



FUN POPS
Mod Geo **cushion**, \$15, and Hold It **pot**, \$10, from Target.



CUSHY SPOT
2 x Foil Spot **cushions**, \$10 each, from Kmart.



HELLO YELLOW
Rectangular metal frame **basket**, \$10, from Target.

after

Made for play!

Måla **casel**, \$29.99,
 paper roll, \$7.99,
 chalks, \$1.99 for 10,
 and whiteboard
 markers, \$5.99
 for 4, from Ikea.

TIP

Repeat shapes
 throughout the room.
 Here, circles and
 curves work
 really well.



**total
 makeover
 cost:**

\$917.67



ON THE
 SHELF
 Valje **shelf
 unit**, \$145,
 from Ikea.



SOFTLY, SOFTLY
 Ådum **rug**, \$79,
 Sanela **cushion
 cover**, \$10,
 from Ikea.



NEAT TABLE
 Bjursta
 extendable
table, \$129,
 from Ikea.



TAKE NOTE
 Särskild **notepad**,
 \$4.99, and Kvittra
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 for 25cm, and \$7.99
 for 15cm, from Ikea.



HANDY
 HAMPER
 Metal
 laundry
basket, \$15,
 from Target.



STORE & ORDER
 Moppe mini **chest
 of drawers**, \$19.99,
 and with **inner
 cushion pad**, \$4.99,
 from Ikea.

BEST BUYS

TIME FOR BED

KIDS' BEDS

\$



DOUBLE DELIGHT
Barn single **bunk**,
\$398, from Super Amart.
Converts to two beds.

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SLEEP & STORE
Miki single **bed**, \$429,
from Fantastic Furniture.
Built-in storage and steps.



ROOM FOR THREE
Aztec Trio **bunk** in White,
\$1249, from Forty Winks.
Also available in Walnut.

STORAGE

\$



**BEST
BUY
\$25**

RETRO COOL
Stockholm **side table** in Grey,
\$25, from Kmart.
Tray design keeps everything secure.



EARTHY TONES
Hyacinth **3-drawer unit**
\$45, from Target.
Bedside storage with a natural finish.



FANCY FRENCH
Marguerite **bedside table** in Black,
\$149, from Early Settler.
Also comes in Soft Pink or White.

LIGHTS

\$



VALUE ADD
Ranarp **pendant lamp**
in Off'White, \$29.99, from Ikea.
Matching wall, table, floor lamps available.



INDUSTRIAL EDGE
Austen ceiling **pendant light** in
Concrete, \$79.95, from Freedom.
Finished in raw, unpolished concrete.



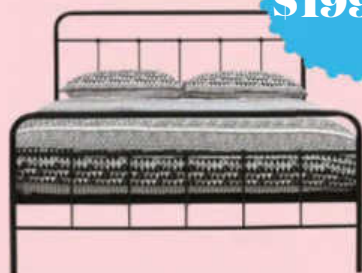
NATURAL ACCENT
Husk **pendant light** (27cm) in Matt Black/
Ash, \$129, from Beacon Lighting.
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Malm queen **bedframe**,
\$359, from Ikea.
Sides adjust to suit mattress heights.



SOLID PIECE
Kingston queen **bed**, \$699,
from Fantastic Furniture.
Would suit an urban or coastal style.

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RUSTIC ELEMENT
Hayman 5-drawer **tallboy**,
\$249, from Fantastic Furniture.
Matching beds and drawers also sold.



NEAT & SIMPLE
Mandal **chest of drawers**,
\$349, from Ikea.
Should be fixed to wall for safety.



ON DISPLAY
Industrial 5-drawer **tall chest**,
\$699, from Super Amart.
Large unit made from reclaimed pine.

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\$



ZIG ZAG
Miles queen **quilt cover set**,
\$22, from Kmart.
Made from a cotton/polyester blend.



KEEP IT NEUTRAL
Criss Cross queen **quilt cover set**,
\$59, from Target.
In soft cotton with a reversible design.

**BEST
BUY**
\$59



NATURAL SHADES
Mercer + Reid Riley queen **quilt cover set** in Linen, \$99.95, from Adairs.
Also sold in White or Charcoal. **H+**

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QUILTS

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MY BACKYARD

(GET BACK TO NATURE)

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Wall planter boxes
elevate foliage to
create privacy.

Come right in
Once dark and dingy,
this courtyard with
outdoor kitchen is
ripe for entertaining.

Jamie to the rescue
On TV's *The Living
Room*, Jamie Durie
transformed Alissa's
courtyard. »

THIS MONTH A COURTYARD MAKEOVER, VEGIE PLANNER & DIY HERB GARDEN

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Padded benches
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Alissa has friends
over. Jamie Durie
for United
Artworks cushions.

**GREAT
IDEA**
Light floor
tiles

THE **LIVING ROOM**

MY BACKYARD **ENTERTAINER'S PARADISE**

CREATIVE COURTYARD

Jamie Durie created a **stunning outdoor room** for this Sydney unit. Owner Alissa is over the moon!

"WHEN I WAS BUYING my home eight years ago, finding a place with an outdoor area where I could entertain friends or just relax was important. But I put all my energy into renovating the interiors and neglected the outdoors. The courtyard was quite shaded by trees in the adjacent park, the garden beds were quite shallow, the ground was covered in cracked and dirty tiles and I felt there was unused space that could be opened up. It was a grubby, drab and embarrassing eyesore – and I certainly didn't use it or love it!

I wanted to start with a clean slate, working within the strata requirements of the unit block. But first of all, as the courtyard is nearly always dark, Jamie pruned the overhanging branches back

to the boundary line. Straightaway this let more light into the space. To further brighten it, he suggested a textured ceramic beige floor tile to replace the dark and dull slate. I love how the new tiles reflect the sunshine and make the area look and feel much bigger. Laying them over the existing surface was a smart money-saver – he used a flexible tile adhesive on a clean and level base to ensure the new tiles bonded.

Jamie then fitted a row of planter boxes to the top of the boundary wall. But in keeping with apartment rules (new fittings and fixtures must be removable) they are not permanently attached – each box has two legs which are spaced to slide snugly over the wall. And so they're consistent with



Tools of the trade
There's plenty of room for the cook's essentials – plus a pot of bright native blooms.

JAMIE'S TIPS

When choosing plants, nothing beats Aussie natives. In this courtyard, Jamie has planted a wide range of natives, including Gristle Fern (*Blechnum cartilagineum*), which thrives in semi-shade, and Silver Falls (*Dichondra repens*), which has long silver foliage.

Made to order

A removable timber chopping board insert is a smart inclusion.

Material girl

Sunbrella exterior fabric over plywood has transformed a dark brick wall.

On the wall

Eyes Open Panel outdoor artwork, \$599, from Jamiedurie.com, creates a lovely focal point.

Double duty

With a pair of sturdy stools, the cooking area becomes a bar.

Portable garden

A cluster of pots provides shades of green and a pretty burst of colour.

the existing exterior, Jamie clad them in matching palings. They do seem to disappear behind the paling fence!

Another clever addition has added colour to the back wall – Jamie covered marine-grade ply panels with exterior fabric and then hung them on the wall. And along the walls a long timber bench, complete with padding, creates comfy seating that I can also use as a day bed.

But the best part would have to be the custom-built outdoor kitchen, complete with barbecue. It doubles as a bar, so it's just perfect for indulging my passions of cooking and entertaining friends outdoors!" ■

Catch *The Living Room*, 7.30pm Friday on TEN.



MEET ALISSA

About me Hi, I'm Alissa Breit and I live with my flatmate in Lane Cove on Sydney's Lower North Shore. I'm a foodie – I love to cook and entertain, especially outdoors – but I also enjoy relaxing outside with a good book.



GARDENING ADVICE

AUTUMN GARDENING

Our garden expert **Dale Vine** shares his top tips for around the garden.

MAKE THE CUT

ENSURE THE PARENT PLANT IS WELL WATERED BEFORE TAKING CUTTINGS FROM YOUR FAVOURITE **HARDWOOD SHRUBS**. TAKE STEMS LONG ENOUGH TO BURY 40-50MM INTO A SANDY LOAM MIX AND BE SURE TO KEEP THE ROOTS WATERED.

MOVEMENT & SOUND

To add tranquillity to an area, use moving water. A sealed pot or urn with a pump in the centre will form a small spout of water to break the surface and create this effect. Plants that move in the wind is an idea – bamboo is perfect to generate a soft rustle. Birds are also peaceful but use bird-attracting plants/flowers, not bird feeders and seeds, which can get messy with unwanted droppings.



IT'S A TIE
Whites cloth
plant tie, \$10.25
for 40m,
from Bunnings.

THIS MONTH'S BEST BUY

WHITES OUTDOOR TRADITIONAL CLOTH TIE

I always carry a roll of this for jobs where a plant needs tying safely back to a support stake, trellis or just be out of my way while I'm working on something underneath. It's made of soft material that won't damage a plant's trunk under strain.



ABOUT DALE

You may recognise **Dale Vine** from TV's *The Block*, but he's actually a landscaper by trade (and our garden guru!). You can follow Dale on Instagram: @vineyd



DIG IN
Trowel and fork,
\$36.95 each,
from Sunnyslife.



TOUCH WOOD

Bare wooden handles benefit from **boiled linseed oil**. Rub the oil on with a rag and allow the wood to absorb the first coat before applying more oil. This prevents **drying out** and **splintering**.

BED OF ROSES

Remove dead flower heads from roses and give them a light prune to encourage continued flowering. Don't prune too harshly now, just enough to generate new growth. Remember, it will be around six weeks before the next flowers arrive.

GARDEN ADVICE

WEEK 1

Clear away the bedding and remove flowering plants that have gone over. Incorporate some organic matter into the soil, too.

WEEK 2

Plant spring-flowering bulbs (but save tulips for May) in garden beds, through lawns or in pots.

WEEK 3

Take cuttings of your favourite roses. They should root and be ready to transplant next autumn.

WEEK 4

Transfer tender perennials, such as fuchsia and lantana, to a shed or garage and out of frost's way.

Gardening expert **Dale Vine** shares his must-do list for **March**.

WHAT TO PLANT

It's a good time to plant out biennials (short-lived perennials) like **foxgloves** (*Digitalis purpurea*). Ensure the crown is level with the soil surface and press down firmly before watering in to settle. Flowers' stems develop in their second year after seed growth, so the age of the plant you purchase will dictate if it will flower this spring.

GARDEN PLANNER

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

VEGIES THIS MONTH

WEEK 1

Harvest cucurbits, including vine vegies such as cucumber, pumpkin, squash and watermelon.

WEEK 2

Prevent powdery mildew forming on leafy vegies by only watering at the base of the plant.

WEEK 3

Dig compost and manure into the vegie patch or place on the surface with worms to distribute nutrients.

WEEK 4

Before harvesting watermelons, test by giving a knock with your knuckles and listen for a dull thud.

PLANT NOW

Asparagus, cabbage, garlic bulbs, lettuce, onion, parsnip, peas, silverbeet and spinach can all be planted now. A lot of the vegies available to sow in March will stay to their own areas and not invade the rest of your patch, which means you will have more room to grow more varieties.



HARVEST NOW

Asparagus, beans, capsicum, chives, cucumber, eggplant, pumpkin, squash, watermelon and zucchini can all be picked now. Harvest cucumber, squash and zucchini while they are young – the bigger their fruit becomes, the more watery they will get and lose their flavour. H+



Hey, good looking!
This vertical herb garden looks great on display.

TIP

Even if you're not eating them daily, herbs still need a trim to stay young, juicy and tender.

MAKE IT YOURSELF

HERB GARDEN

You'll **never** need to buy salad greens again!



FANCY BEING YOUR OWN GREENGROCER?

Herbs and salad greens are easy to grow at home, even in an apartment, so long as you have a balcony. If you want to grow more than a few types of herbs, it's worth buying a simple wire stand (or if you can find one, an ornate wrought-iron stand like the one we used here). You can plant your herb garden directly into it, and the vertical arrangement saves space. A layer of sphagnum moss stops the potting mix falling out and also acts like a sponge, holding moisture (this kind of moss can hold 20 times its own weight in liquid). That way you don't have to water too often. The high levels of zinc occurring naturally in moss will also keep your herbs' roots healthy.

YOU WILL NEED SPHAGNUM MOSS, \$10.48 FOR 150G BLOCK, MIRACLE-GRO ORGANIC CHOICE VEGETABLE & HERB POTTING MIX, \$8.90 FOR 25-LITRE BAG, AND ASSORTED HERBS, FROM \$3.25 PER PUNNET, ALL FROM BUNNINGS. WROUGHT-IRON STAND, ABOUT \$150, FROM GARDEN CENTRES.

STEP 1 Line the base and sides of each tier with sphagnum moss – you'll need about two bricks for a stand this size. Scatter over a handful of potting mix that has been specially formulated for herbs. When you go to choose your herb varieties, remember that not all herbs are permanent plants. Some, such as basil – we used purple and green – die off over winter, so planting these at the top of the stand will mean it's easier to replace them. Plant snow peas (an annual as well) around the perimeter so they can trail down and twine around the stand as they grow.

STEP 2 Plant more cascading herbs including prostrate rosemary on the middle tier, positioning them around the border so they can trail down easily. Also plant rocket and purple-foliaged Asian mustard in this tier.

STEP 3 Plant salad greens in the bottom tier. It won't receive as much sun (due to the tiers above shading it), so use more shade-tolerant plants such as watercress, perpetual lettuce, French parsley and mint. Plant peppermint sideways around the border to form a wall of fragrant leaves. **H**



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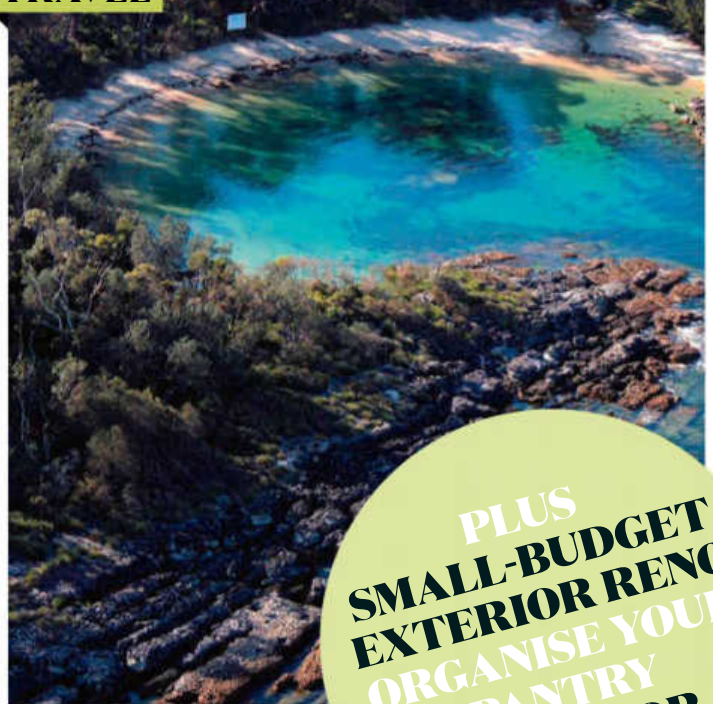
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THIS MONTH TOP TEETH TIPS, WHITE PAINT GUIDE, SCOTTY'S DIY & DISCOVER JERVIS BAY



NSW GETAWAY

SUNNY DAZE

Sparkling azure water laps at the **world's whitest sand** at Jervis Bay on NSW's South Coast. Discover more...

Blissful bay

Jervis Bay offers countless sheltered beaches and hidden coves – a safe watery wonderland for swimming, kayaking, sailing, fishing and snorkelling.

THERE ARE GREAT HOLIDAY

destinations, and then there are those that leave you wondering if maybe there is a heaven on earth. With iridescent turquoise water that laps calmly at beaches credited with having the world's whitest sand, Jervis Bay fits safely in the latter category – and it's just a three-hour drive from Sydney.

The bay itself is a 102 sq km drowned river valley formed some 15,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age. A protected marine park, Jervis Bay is the year-round home of playful dolphins and a temporary resting place for migrating whales between June and November. There are several cruise companies that will get you up close and personal with these marine giants, while also enabling you to take in the beauty of the coastline from sea level. Jervis Bay is rich in marine life

and is considered one of the best dive locations in NSW, with several local dive operators to choose from.

Booderee and Jervis Bay National Parks fringe the bay, offering fantastic coastal campsites and scenic hikes. The area is serviced by a string of seaside villages where you'll find a range of accommodation options to suit all budgets, from glamping in luxury permanent tents, to stylish B&Bs and family-friendly self-contained beach houses. The towns of Callala Bay, Huskisson, Vincentia and Hyams Beach offer cafes, restaurants and shops, while further afield you'll find larger supermarkets and services in Ulladulla.

Whether your perfect holiday entails non-stop activities or sitting beside a quiet beach watching crimson rosellas and rainbow lorikeets, Jervis Bay delivers in spades. **H+**



Scenic lookout

Enjoy spectacular views from Point Perpendicular Lighthouse.

Party house

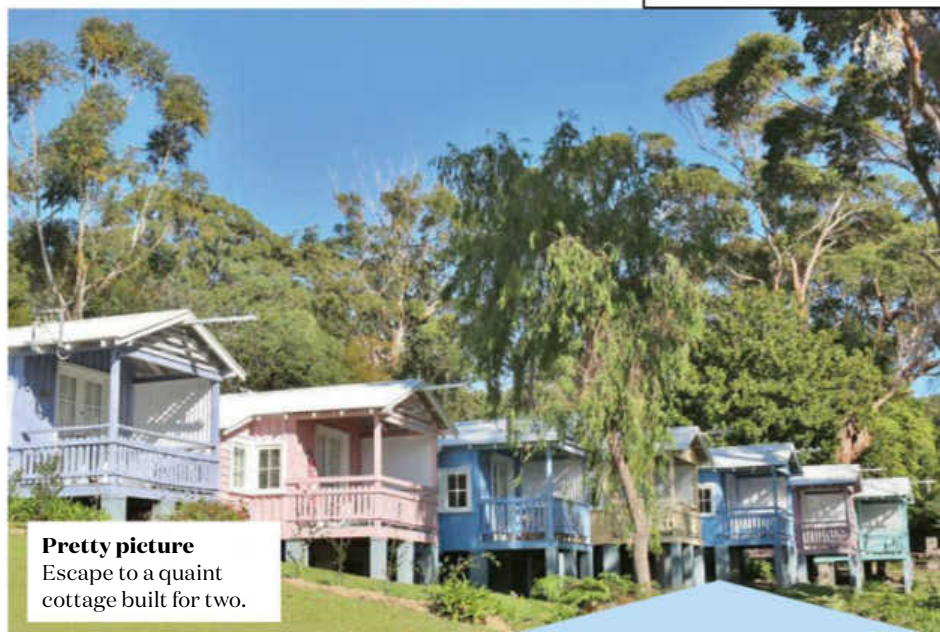
The living room of the "Avalon" Seafarers Cottage, which sleeps up to seven guests.



FOR FRIENDS: SEAFARERS COTTAGES, CURRARONG

Owned by a creative couple with a shared passion for beach shacks, these three stylishly restored, self-contained cottages sleep two to seven people, in the heart of coastal fishing village Currarong. *From \$220 a night.*

Southcoastescapes.com.au

**Pretty picture**

Escape to a quaint cottage built for two.

FOR ADVENTURERS: BOODEREE NATIONAL PARK

A pristine coastal wilderness with some awesome campsites. Try Green Patch for car-based camping beside calm waters (don't mind the friendly lorikeets and kangaroos), while Caves Beach is a stunning surf beach with a walk-in campsite. *Campsites start from \$27 a night for a family of four.*

Parksaustralia.gov.au/booderee/plan/camping.html

FOR FAMILIES: HAYES BEACH HOUSE, CALLALA BEACH

A self-contained three-bedroom home that sleeps up to eight and is a stone's throw from the beautiful and very safe Callala Beach. Pet-friendly and very kid-friendly, with plenty of toys and bikes for the youngsters. *From \$205 a night.* Hayesbeachhouse.com

FOR COUPLES: HYAMS BEACH SEASIDE COTTAGES

Originally built as fishermen's cabins in the 1920s, these north-facing cottages are a minute's walk from the white sands of Hyams Beach. Exclusively for couples and solo travellers, each is kitted out with a kitchenette and some come with a spa bath. *From \$200 a night.* Hyamsbeachseasidecottages.com.au

TOP
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in Jervis Bay

ONE Explore the bay's dramatic coastline by boat on a dolphin/whale-watching cruise.

TWO Hire a kayak and a snorkel, and find your own private beach from which to explore the abundance of the Jervis Bay Marine Park.

THREE Take a coastal hike through the Booderee National Park, and check out the mysteriously "cursed" Cape St George Lighthouse ruins.

FOUR Hire a pushbike and explore cafes and shops of the charming coastal villages of Jervis Bay.

FIVE Go for a scenic drive through the hinterland behind the bay, making sure to pencil in both Kangaroo Valley and Berry for boutique shopping and great dining options.



Location location
Hayes Beach House is just a four-minute walk to Callala Beach.

Paradise found!

The crystal-clear, calm waters make Jervis Bay a great spot for swimming.





Perfect pearly whites
Straight teeth are no longer
just for attractive looks
– crooked or crowded teeth
can contribute to gum disease.

HEALTH TIPS

JUST KEEP SMILING

They need to last a lifetime, so keeping your **teeth in tip-top condition** is simply smart. Here's how.

WE OFTEN INVEST in our future by saving money, buying a house or planning for a family, however there is one area for which we generally do very little planning – caring for our teeth. You'd think that we would focus on making sure they are clean, filling free and well kept, but there are many of us who fall short in this department. At least, that's the opinion of Sydney dentist Dr James Cooke (Shoredental.com.au). He says there is very little

that surprises him about people's teeth – he's seen it all – but adds that he has noticed there is more tooth erosion nowadays than ever before. "I find it difficult to understand why people don't keep their teeth healthy when it's a pretty straightforward task. The amount of erosion does sometimes shock me. I have young patients in their early 20s, often male, and their teeth are heavily eroded – it's so prevalent," he says.

Prevention

20s & 30s

Cooke says this age group isn't great at caring for their teeth. He says individuals may have had good dental care growing up, **thanks to their parents**, but once children leave home to study or work, for example, standard tooth maintenance like brushing and flossing can become **less of a priority**. "Dental care can fall off the radar," Cooke says. "You often have a lifestyle in this age group where you're studying and eating a diet high in sugary carbonated drinks, mixed with a **diet high in refined carbohydrates**, sports drinks and alcohol. From a dentist's point of view, this is a terrible mix."

Cooke says that younger people often think visiting the dentist is expensive, but it doesn't have to be. "It can be as little as \$200, especially with private health insurance," he says. Visit the **dentist at least twice a year** in your 20s as it will be less expensive than trying to fix erosion or gum disease later on in life.

TIP

MORE THAN 30 PER CENT OF AUSTRALIANS ADMIT THEY ONLY BRUSH ONCE A DAY*. FOR HEALTHY TEETH, BRUSH THOROUGHLY TWICE A DAY AND FLOSS DAILY, TOO.



TOP TEETH TIPS

Dentist Dr James Cooke shares his expert advice for healthy teeth.

DIET One of the cornerstones of dental health. My advice would be to only have three meals a day; try not to snack. Eat plenty of leafy green veg, salads, lean meats and fish, nuts, legumes, foods high in calcium such as yoghurt, and drink lots of water. Avoid sugary and carbonated drinks, as well as foods high in refined carbs.

SMOKING There's a link between smoking and oral cancers. Plus, it's one of the highest risk factors for developing gum disease, and, of course, staining of teeth.

FLOSSING Important for every age group. Floss every night before brushing your teeth. It can have a big impact on dental health as it helps wipe clean the surface between your teeth.

BRUSHING Gently brush twice a day: reach to the back of your mouth, and make sure you cover the whole area of your mouth, top and bottom, including your lower and upper gums. Don't forget the sides of your teeth – the forgotten area of cavity prevention.

BRUXISM [TEETH GRINDING]

If you grind, it's probably only for up to 10 minutes a night but this can cause tooth attrition (loss of tooth tissue). I recommend a full-coverage night guard for the top teeth to wear while sleeping.

DRY MOUTH Saliva production is very important to maintain healthy teeth. Chewing sugarless gum or using an atomiser (like Evian water) are ways to promote saliva production.

GUM DISEASE Gingivitis is where your gums become inflamed and can lead to bleeding when you floss or brush too aggressively. It is a reversible condition. The more serious gum disease is periodontitis, where the gum level drops and the tooth looks longer and becomes more mobile. It is very common but often goes undiagnosed and as a result is the main cause of tooth loss.

Whitening woes

30s & 40s

As you enter your 30s and 40s, you may find that you want to start making sure your teeth stay white as you notice **stains or discolouration**. However, Cooke is not a fan of using teeth whitening toothpastes on a daily basis. "Whitening toothpastes in general can be very effective for people who have heavy staining, for example, **smokers** and **heavy red wine drinkers**, but for the population as a whole, regular bi-daily use is unnecessary and can cause **increased abrasion** of teeth with prolonged use. A standard toothpaste is a much better daily choice," he says. "If you have a check-up with your dentist, it's likely they will give your teeth a good clean anyway, and if it is something important to you, ask them what they can offer in relation to cosmetic whitening."

TIP

DRINKING LEMON AND WATER IS GOOD FOR DIGESTION, BUT THE HIGH ACIDITY CAN SOFTEN TOOTH ENAMEL. BRUSHING STRAIGHT AFTER EXACERBATES THE PROBLEM.

Teeth troubles

40s-PLUS

Cooke says people may go for their annual check-up for decades without any significant change but then get a rude shock as problems begin to accumulate. **Medications**, such as those for high blood pressure or osteoporosis, can be a cause of these problems as they have a significant effect on teeth. "Anyone aged 40-plus who is put on certain medications can have a **dry mouth** and this can play a part in tooth decay as your **saliva acts as a protective barrier**," Cooke explains. When you're prescribed a medication ask your doctor what the side effects are and whether they can play havoc with your teeth. For healthy teeth, it's important to **maintain a balanced diet**, especially important for those in the 50-plus age bracket. Cooke says a priority is to **keep your teeth** rather than having dentures. "I would urge older Australians to protect their teeth. Those with dentures may find they can't eat properly and their diet tends to fall by the wayside, which is not advisable." ■

Did you know...
Bleaching your teeth can make them more porous and susceptible to staining, so limit the red wine and coffee.

after
TOTAL \$8000

Triple threat

A combination of three contemporary colours updates the facade.

RENO SOLUTIONS WITH **CHERIE BARBER**

IMPROVE THE FACE VALUE

Cherie Barber explains how she updated an old home.

ONE THING I LOVE about renovating is seeing how decades of deterioration and dubious trends can be eradicated with just a few careful masterstrokes – and in a surprisingly small window. Tiling, painting and rendering are three “veneers” that quickly come to mind, successfully masking a multitude of sins. This project is a prime example of a great cover-up operation.

FRONT OF HOUSE

With its beige bricks, entrance arch and dowdy colour trims, this house was an Eighties classic. The only access to the entry porch was via the driveway, the

garden was scruffy, and the lawn looked like it had picked up some of the beige tones from the brick.

ARCH ENEMIES

First up, the arch was squared off with an aluminium lintel and the dated wrought-iron insets in the walkway removed. Decades were stripped off right there! The brick facade was then rendered and painted, delivering the single biggest improvement. It wasn't necessary to do the entire house exterior, which would have been a huge expense, as the focus here was squarely on improving street appeal. I chose

ABOUT CHERIE

Cherie Barber is a renovator on TV's *The Living Room* and runs renovating-for-profit workshops. Cheriebarber.com.au

before**Dated digs**

The old-fashioned arch, beige bricks and iron insets had to go.



“It wasn’t necessary to do the entire house –the focus was on street appeal.”

a contemporary colour for the facade and white for the window trims.

MAKE AND ENTER

Now it was time to bring in the carpenter. A simple, treated-pine boxed portico, timber front steps (a kit from Bunnings) and stepping stones form the new main entry. Garden beds fashioned from timber sleepers hold low-lying plants and cypress woodchips.

COLOUR HIGHLIGHTS

I’m a fan of maximum three colours for a facade, so I’ve chosen a contrasting charcoal for the garage door, roof, new portico, timber sleepers and stepping stones. I tinted paving paint the same deep colour, and used it on the brick driveway. A smart new letterbox and wall lights finish this modest \$8000 makeover, giving this Eighties home a 2016 personality. **H+**

**after****Front and enter**

The portico, timber steps and stepping stones create a new entry point.

Neat & tidy

Get organised and order your goods and kitchenware by type and use.

ABOUT JAMES

James Treble is a qualified colour consultant/interior designer, with over 20 years' experience within the building and design industries.

KITCHEN STORAGE

WITH JAMES TREBLE

PERFECT PANTRIES

From walk-ins to pull-outs – **James** shares his ideas for a clever and efficient food storage space.

THE PANTRY gets used so often by everyone in the house that it's an endless battle to keep it organised and ordered (although not for Nigella, who does it effortlessly). Here are some tips to make the most of your pantry, so you, too, can cook in organised bliss!

1 MAKE EVERYTHING VISIBLE

The best way to prevent everyone messing up your tidy pantry is to **make things clearly visible**. Try placing all items that are similar to each other in one place, and things that are used most often in line of sight or directly in front. **The best shelving is shallow**, about 30cm, so things don't get stuck right up the back. If you have deep shelving consider cutting your shelves shorter, and if high, consider adding a second, middle shelf rather than waste the space or stack things up.

2 USE THE DOORS

Is space a problem? **Create extra storage** on the back of your pantry door. There are shelving options that you can hang off the **inside of the door**, or try a trick I used in our last house and screw **narrow baskets** onto the inside instead. It was perfect for all our spices, sauces and packets as they were all easy to see, and they didn't get knocked over or make a mess.

3 CREATE A WALK-IN PANTRY

A **walk-in pantry** is ideal for storing food and appliances (including those you never use!). If you have one already, consider how effective the shelving is – a little money and one Sunday can change your life! Look to add **adjustable flat-pack shelving** that can easily be added to a cupboard; keep the shelves narrow to allow for easy access to items.



Shelve it

Clear jars and narrow shelving help you quickly find what you need.



Come on in

A walk-in pantry is the ultimate way to hide your small appliances and store foodstuffs.

4 LABELLING STORAGE

Look for a mix of attractive, **see-through storage for foodstuffs** so you can see quantities at a glance, and your pantry will look bright and fun instead of full of advertising. Use stick-on labels or markers on **plastic containers or preserving jars**, or label the shelf fronts. Use **baskets and tubs** for larger packages – pick your colour theme, stick to one or two colours and go crazy with pattern and labels. You may not be a celebrity chef, but your kitchen will look perfect! **H+**

Natural fit
White walls work well with warm, neutral decor.

DECOR SOLUTIONS

WITH JAMES TREBLE

HOW TO: PAINT WHITE WALLS

Be cool
Crisp, bold whites tend to have a blue base.



TOP TIPS

BRIGHTER WHITES tend to have a blue base – cool, crisp and bold. Perfect for a contemporary home or higher contrast.

NATURAL OR OFF-WHITES usually have bases of yellow or grey. They tend to be more relaxing and inviting, creating a warmer feeling.

YOU CAN USE A SATIN FINISH for walls, and use the same colour in gloss for the timber work and trims. The gloss will bounce light and look brighter than the walls, but the base will be the same.

IF YOU HAVE LOTS OF BLUES in your décor, it will pull the blue base out of the colour, so go for warm white to offset this. The opposite goes for natural toned accessories: offset this with a cool white.

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN AMAZED at just how many variations there are of white. The reason? All colours have a base, so the light in your home, as well as the colours of your furnishings and accessories, can all affect a paint colour, making it look quite different to how it does on the sample chip. So here are my tips on how to get the perfect white for your home.

1 HOW DO YOU USE THE SPACE?

For a bedroom, look at more relaxing, calming tones – in whites, this usually leans towards slightly creamier or natural hues. A pure, bright white may be too vivid and contrasting for a bedroom, but perfect for the kitchen where you want a more vibrant look.

2 SELECT & COMPARE

Visit a paint store, grab the small sample chips and look at them while moving around to see them in different lights. Place them next to each other – you'll notice the one you liked, when against the others, all of a sudden appears quite green or blue. Colour is affected by its surroundings, so placing the sample chips against each other shows you more of their base colour. Narrow down your whites to four or five that you think can work.

3 USE SAMPLE POTS

Paint small circles, about 8cm wide and close to each other but not touching, of each white sample on at least two walls of the room (one near the window). Write on paper which colour is which so you don't mix them up! Check how they look in morning and afternoon light, and also place a few items against them, such as bedding, artwork or curtains. This should assist you in narrowing down the options to get *your* right white. **HP**

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MAKE IT YOURSELF

STEP-BY-STEP DECOR IDEAS

Update the bedroom, home office or living area with fun and affordable **on-trend DIY projects**.

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DIP-DYED GARLAND 🏹🏹

Add a touch of whimsy and movement to a little's room with a pretty garland.

STEP ONE Holding one short edge of the cardboard, wind yarn horizontally around the cardboard about 30 times. Cut yarn from ball with scissors.

STEP TWO Cut a 30cm piece of yarn from ball. Thread it under the wrapped yarn at top end of the cardboard. Tie a knot to secure, leaving excess free.

STEP THREE Along the other end of the cardboard, cut the wrapped yarn so it separates from the cardboard, and both sides of the tassel are even in length. Discard the cardboard.

STEP FOUR Measure and cut another piece of yarn about 90cm long. Wrap it around the tassel, near the top, several

times, then tie a knot to secure. Repeat this process until you have the number of tassels you require (we made eight).

STEP FIVE Submerge each tassel in the water so all long strands get wet, then remove and set aside. Add dye to other jug of water.

STEP SIX Dip the lower two-thirds of each tassel into dye. Set aside to dry.

STEP SEVEN Thread a wooden bead onto excess yarn at the top of the tassel, and tie to secure.

STEP EIGHT Cut a new piece of yarn to desired length and tie on tassels. Trim off loose threads then hang garland. ▶

IN THE PICTURE Sniglar **cot** in Beech, \$99, and Vyssa Vinka **cot mattress**, \$89, from Ikea. IN COT French stripe knot **fabric** (as sheet), \$5.95 per metre, The Remnant Warehouse. **Blanket**, \$15, Paddy's Markets. ON WALL Indian blockprint "Pyramids" **wallpaper**, 1.25m wide, \$110.50 per lineal metre, from Emily Ziz Style Studio. Legendary house **shelves**, \$10 each, from Cotton On Kids. Diana Baby 110 **camera**, \$62.95, Leedervillecameras.com.au. Cedar **hanger**, \$18.95 for 4, from Howards Storage World. Girl's **tutu**, similar available, \$36.95, Cotton On. ON FLOOR Livyn vinyl **flooring**, \$34.95 per m², from Quick-Step. Mirabelle **rug**, 2.25m x 1.55m, \$495, from Matt Blatt. Wire storage **baskets**, similar available, \$9 each, from Kmart. **Cushion**, similar available, \$48.90, from Voyager Interiors. **FOR PROJECT** Moda Vera **yarn**, from \$5 for 115m, and Arbee round wood **beads**, \$3.99 for 10, from Spotlight. Jacquard iDye **fabric dye** in Natural Brilliant Blue, \$10.95, from Eckersley's Art & Craft.



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DIFFICULTY RATING CHART

▶ EASY AS 1, 2, 3

▶▶ A BIT HARDER

▶▶▶ GET A FRIEND TO HELP YOU

YOU WILL NEED Rectangular piece of thick cardboard about 25cm wide; ball of yarn; scissors; ruler; 2 jugs of water; fabric dye; round wooden beads

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Match it up

Choose a dye colour to complement bedlinen and rugs.



Shine a light
For a little added impact, illuminate your terrarium from behind.

YOU WILL NEED Glass laboratory flasks; small spreading indoor pot plant; tweezers; water

\$18.33 FOR 3

FLASK TERRARIUMS

Take the science out of the lab and into the home with this clever idea that creates a mini garden in a bottle. Only two products to buy!

STEP ONE On a clean surface, carefully tip over your pot plant. Gently remove – and retain – some of the soil. Try not to disturb the roots of the plant.

STEP TWO Fill a washed flask about one-third to a half full of retained soil.

STEP THREE Gently separate a portion of the plant. Again, try to keep the roots attached as much as possible.

STEP FOUR Using tweezers, place the portion of plant into the flask – make sure it goes in root-side down – and gently press it down. Repeat with remaining portions of plant until surface of soil is covered. Lightly water plant. Wipe stray dirt off interior of flask if required. Repeat all steps for each flask. ➤

IN THE PICTURE Marquee “Love” light, \$20, from Target. Nerd glasses, \$9.95, and Buffalo journals, from \$14.95 for A6, from Typo. **FOR PROJECT** Conical glass laboratory flasks, from \$3.30 for 100ml, from Madaboutsience.com.au. Selaginella Green Club Moss pot plant, \$8.43 for 13cm pot, from Bunnings.





YOU WILL NEED Large picture frame; sheet of 3mm plywood cut to the measurements of your frame's backing mount

Write on, wipe off

Use coloured or white erasable chalk markers for easy clean-up.

\$60.99

MEMO BOARD

Keep on top of what's happening with this smart alternative to the usual noticeboard.

STEP ONE Carefully turn your picture frame over and fold back the little tabs that secure the backing mount.

STEP TWO Remove the backing mount and the inner mount from your frame.

STEP THREE Place your piece of plywood into the frame. We bought our plywood from Bunnings and had it cut to size. Alternatively, you could use a sheet of foamcore covered with a sheet of nice wrapping paper or fabric.

STEP FOUR Fold down the little tabs to secure the plywood and you're ready to start writing! The perspex front included with our frame will function like a whiteboard. ➤

IN THE PICTURE Rowen **floor lamp**, \$325, and Jarvis stone **vases**, \$36 each, from Clickon Furniture. Sean Dix single **bookshelf**, \$595, from Matt Blatt. **Rug**, similar available, \$80.95, from Temple & Webster. Tassel leather **key holder**, \$29.90, from Citta Design. Numero **vessel**, \$39.95, from Freedom. Liberty felt **hat**, \$24.95, from Rubi Shoes. **Tote**, similar available, \$10, from Target. Lisa T wire **basket**, \$5, from Target. **FOR PROJECT** Ribba **frame** in White, 50cm x 70cm, \$49.99, from Ikea. Premium BC **plywood**, 120cm x 81cm x 2.7mm, \$11, from Bunnings.



YOU WILL NEED

Ruler; pencil; plank of pine or clean timber offcut; jigsaw; sandpaper block; strips of leather; craft knife; staple gun; hammer; 2 x brass upholstery nails

Oily treatment

Regularly rub a pure raw almond or walnut oil into your board to help treat the wood.

IN THE PICTURE Belle dining table, \$649, from Life Interiors. Jett jug, \$10.39, from Freedom. Marble serving board, \$15, Kmart. Aqua bottle, \$69.90, from Citta Design. **FOR PROJECT** Porta standard and better pine DAR, 19cm x 3cm x 1.2m, \$16.38, and Romak brass-plated upholstery nails, \$2.98 for 25, from Bunnings. 20mm leather belt length in Natural, \$6.25 for 1.2m, from Birdsall Leathercraft.



\$4 FOR 1

SERVING BOARD

Affordable and stylish, these timber and leather serving boards are a cinch to make.

STEP ONE Using ruler and pencil, measure the plank to your desired length (ours were 20cm and 30cm).

STEP TWO Using the jigsaw, carefully cut timber to size. Sand the cut edge with sandpaper block.

STEP THREE Measure and note the depth and width of the board. Now measure a small strip of leather so its height equals the board's depth, and its length is slightly longer than the board's width. The strip should fit, with a little slack, at one end of the timber board.

STEP FOUR Use a craft knife to cut the leather strip down to the correct size, if necessary.

STEP FIVE Staple each end of the leather strip to one edge of the timber so an arc of leather forms in the middle of that edge, creating a handle.

STEP SIX Hammer an upholstery nail over staples to conceal. Wash and oil the board before use. ➤



Straw solution

For an even more affordable option, use sturdy drinking straws spray-painted gold instead of brass or copper tubing.

\$22.76 FOR 2

AIR PLANT HANGERS

Display an unusual plant in a delicate suspended holder that's quick to create.

STEP ONE Use scissors to cut a strand of fishing line (about 30cm). Thread strand through three of the 7cm lengths of tubing. Pull strand ends together and tighten so the tubes form a small triangle. Secure strand ends with a knot and cut off excess line for a smooth finish.

STEP TWO Cut three long strands of line (about 50cm each) and tie neatly at one end. Thread one strand through a 23cm length of tubing, leaving plenty of excess line. Repeat with remaining strands and 23cm tubing. Gather the

strands together at one end and tie a knot, so the longer tubes form a tripod.

STEP THREE Attach the small triangle to the longer tripod by tying each end of the exposed excess line to a corner of the small triangle with a knot.

STEP FOUR Again using the excess line, thread a strand through each of the remaining three 7cm lengths of tubing. Secure with a tight knot and trim off all loose threads.

STEP FIVE Position plant at centre of your air hanger's base and suspend from ceiling above head height. ➤

YOU WILL NEED

Scissors; fishing line; ½-inch copper or brass tubing; air plant

IN THE PICTURE Capri Wire chairs in Gold, \$249 each, from Life Interiors. Glass terrariums, from \$39.99 each, from Typo. Succulents, similar available, \$6.99 each, from Ikea. **FOR THE PROJECT** Kembla 1/2-inch copper straight-length tubing (cut to 6 x 7cm lengths and 3 x 23cm lengths), \$12 for 1.5m, Novelty tillandsias air plant, \$10.29 for size C, and Grunt fishing line, \$6.50 for 250m, from Bunnings.



YOU WILL NEED Square piece of leatherette (sides should be 90cm long); ruler; pencil; sharp scissors; 30cm x 30cm x 3mm MDF board; 2 x 30cm and 4 x 27cm lengths of dowel; hot-glue gun; grommet repair kit (with grommets); hammer; bobby pins; 2 x 20cm lengths thick cotton cord



Double the impact
Make another basket in a different tone for additional storage.

\$31.94

LEATHER DISPLAY BASKET

You're sure to find plenty of uses for this classy storage container.

STEP ONE Lay leatherette out, reverse side up. Measure 30cm from one corner in both directions, then join to draw a square. Draw a line to connect corner with joining point, then cut along this line. Repeat on other three corners.

STEP TWO Place MDF board in centre of leatherette, equidistant from each cut point. Along edge of leather to right of board, place one 30cm piece of dowel, then place two 27cm pieces at right angles to join it to top and bottom edges (without touching board), forming a U shape.

STEP THREE Use hot-glue gun to attach pieces of dowel to leatherette. Join 27cm pieces to edge piece with a dab of glue. Repeat on leather section on left-hand side of board.

STEP FOUR In bottom right-hand corner of leatherette, mark a point 13cm from bottom and 5cm in from side, then cut a 2cm hole using scissors. Repeat on bottom left-hand corner, then top corners. Cut a small circle

5cm from the centre of the bottom edge, then repeat on top edge.

STEP FIVE Position basket so dowel frames are on sides. Fold centre flap in towards basket and lift right side of basket upright. Place grommet through hole, then lift left side of basket. Lining hole up directly behind first hole, hold secure and push grommet through. Lift centre piece back up and push grommet through again so all three flaps are held together.

STEP SIX Carefully place basket on its side and slide grommet base unit underneath grommet. Place grommet cap over grommet and, using grommet steadying tool, tap with a hammer to secure in place. Repeat on other side.

STEP SEVEN Position basket upright and secure flaps in place using bobby pins. Gradually remove pins as you glue flaps down. Repeat for opposite side of basket and loose flaps inside basket.

STEP EIGHT Feed each piece of cord through each eyelet. Tie knots at the ends of cord to prevent fraying.

IN THE PICTURE Studio 2.5-seat sofa, \$999, and Ezra coffee table in Oak, \$449, from Freedom. Sergio dining chair in Light Grey, \$369, from Life Interiors. ON SOFA Uden cushion (48cm), \$79.95, from Country Road. ON TABLE Potted succulent, \$39.99 for set of 3, from Typo. Claude glass vase (40cm), \$49.95, and Athena vase in Blue (15cm), \$29.95, from Freedom. IN LEATHER BASKETS Double Dip throw in Peppermint/Charcoal, \$179, from Aura By Tracie Ellis. Books from Ariel Booksellers. ON FLOOR Ferm Living kelim rug in Semicircle (1.4m x 2m), \$389, from Designstuff. **FOR PROJECT** Soft leatherette, \$19.99 per metre (1.5m wide), Spotlight. Standard MDF panel, 90cm x 60cm x 3mm, \$3.50, Porta Tasmanian oak dowel, 6mm x 1.8m, \$2.77, and Craftright 15-piece 1/2-inch grommet repair kit, \$6.98, from Bunnings. Natural cord, \$2.99 per metre, from Spotlight.



Do come in!
Garage matting is non-slip – perfect for this use.



YOU WILL NEED

Garage matting; plates in various sizes; pencil; scissors or utility knife

\$17.95

CLOUD DOORMAT

Make an ordinary doormat a fun entry into your home. It's quick and easy to personalise in just a few simple steps.

STEP ONE Turn the matting over. Put one plate on a long edge of the reverse side and trace around it with a pencil.

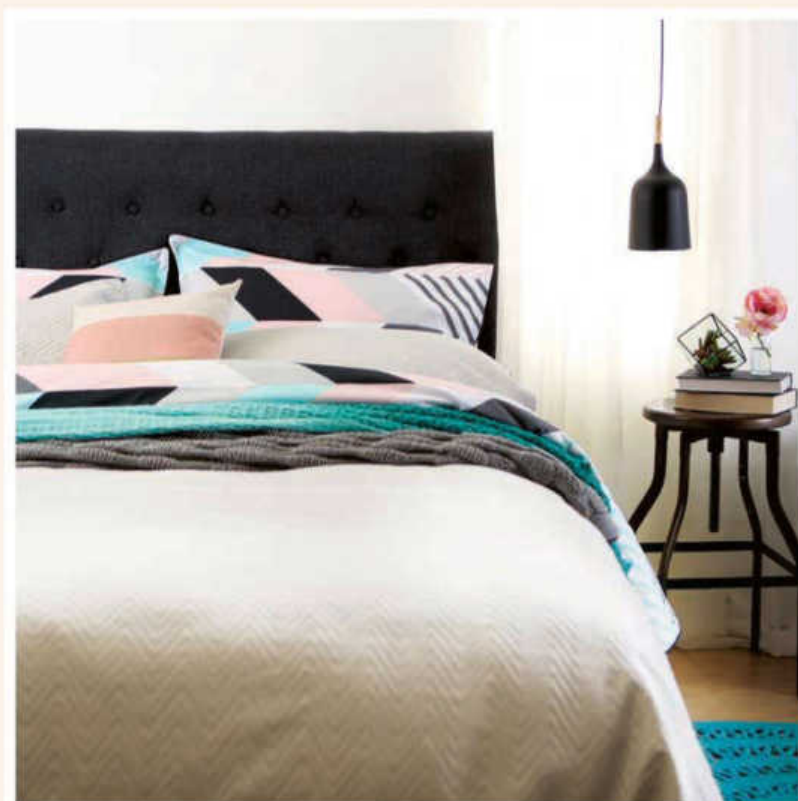
STEP TWO Repeat with other plates to create a cloud shape.

STEP THREE Cut out the cloud shape with scissors or utility knife.

STEP FOUR Flip the doormat over – it's ready to place outside the door. Clean with detergent and a hose. **H+**

IN THE PICTURE Camo boot, \$39.95, from Rubi Shoes. Fiddle fig tree, \$190, from Seasonal Concepts. Scheurich Panna glazed indoor pot, (personalised with paint), \$29.98, from Bunnings. **FOR PROJECT** Ideal DIY garage matting, 80cm, \$35.90 per metre, from Bunnings.





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PRIZE #6

GABE & NIX
Win 1 of 5 **gift vouchers from Gabe & Nix**,

valued at \$100. You could use it to purchase any of their gorgeous, on-trend cushions, towels and prints, including the plush Pom Pom Turkish towel (pictured). See more from this new Aussie home and lifestyle brand on their website. Gabeandnix.com

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COFFEE BAG ART

Win 1 of 5 sets of 2 **Brasil burlap coffee sack cushion covers**, valued at up to \$100 each. Measuring 50cm x 50cm, these enviro-friendly covers are handmade from authentic, upcycled coffee bags. Etsy.com/shop/CoffeeBagArt

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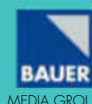
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Is your desk a mess? **Scotty Cam** shows us how to make a **rustic organiser**.

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STEP ONE To determine the width of the box, use your largest papers (such as an A4 binder or manila folder) to measure out a length of timber. Mark a line a little past the item selected. Cut at line using a dropsaw. Repeat to make three lengths of timber.

STEP TWO Arrange the pieces of timber in the size you want the box. Measure to determine the length of the timber side pieces (ours are 23cm). Mark lines

and cut out two side pieces.

STEP THREE Stand two outer timber lengths upright and top with a side piece. Screw into place at top and bottom of each.

STEP FOUR Measure and mark centre points at the top and bottom of side pieces.

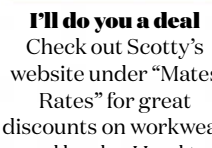
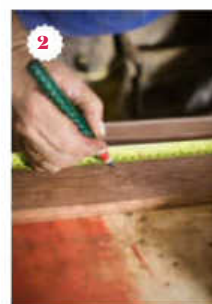
STEP FIVE Drill in top screws.

STEP SIX Use a set square to ensure the middle piece is straight, and screw into place at the base.

STEP SEVEN Next use a handplane to round the edges of the box.

STEP EIGHT Sand to remove any rough edges and smooth the surface. Wipe clean.

STEP NINE Rub box with stain and allow to dry. 



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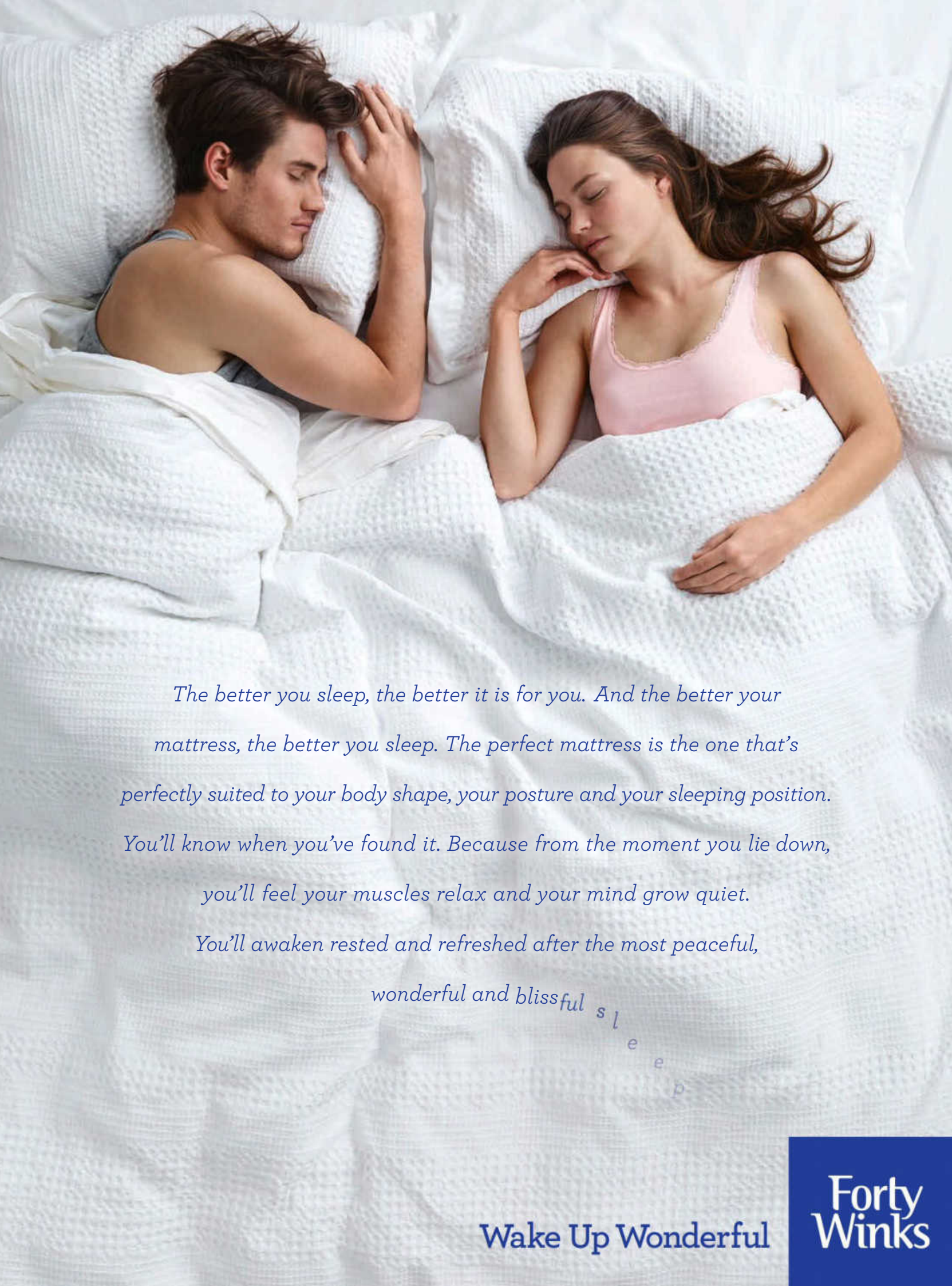
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